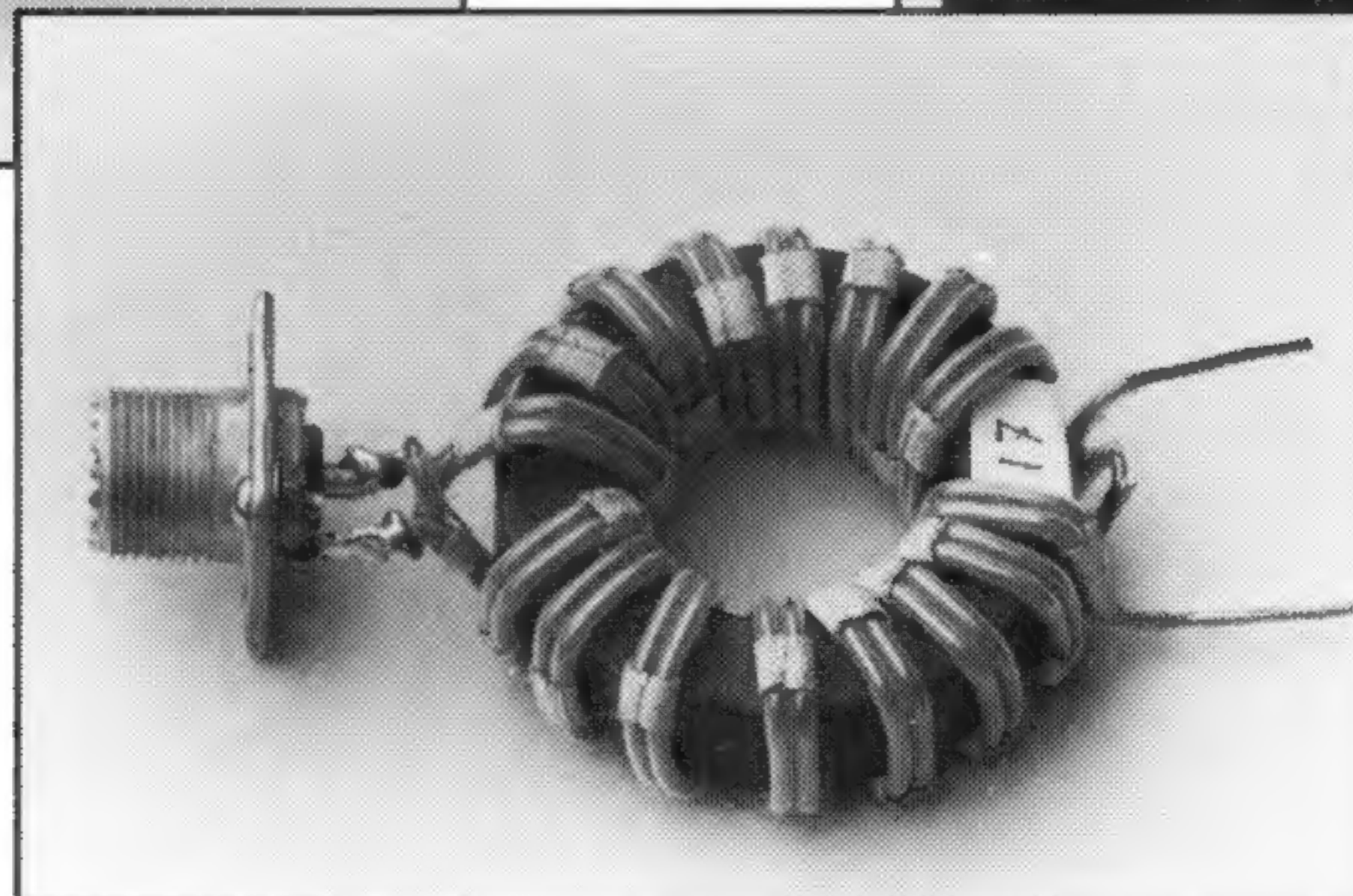
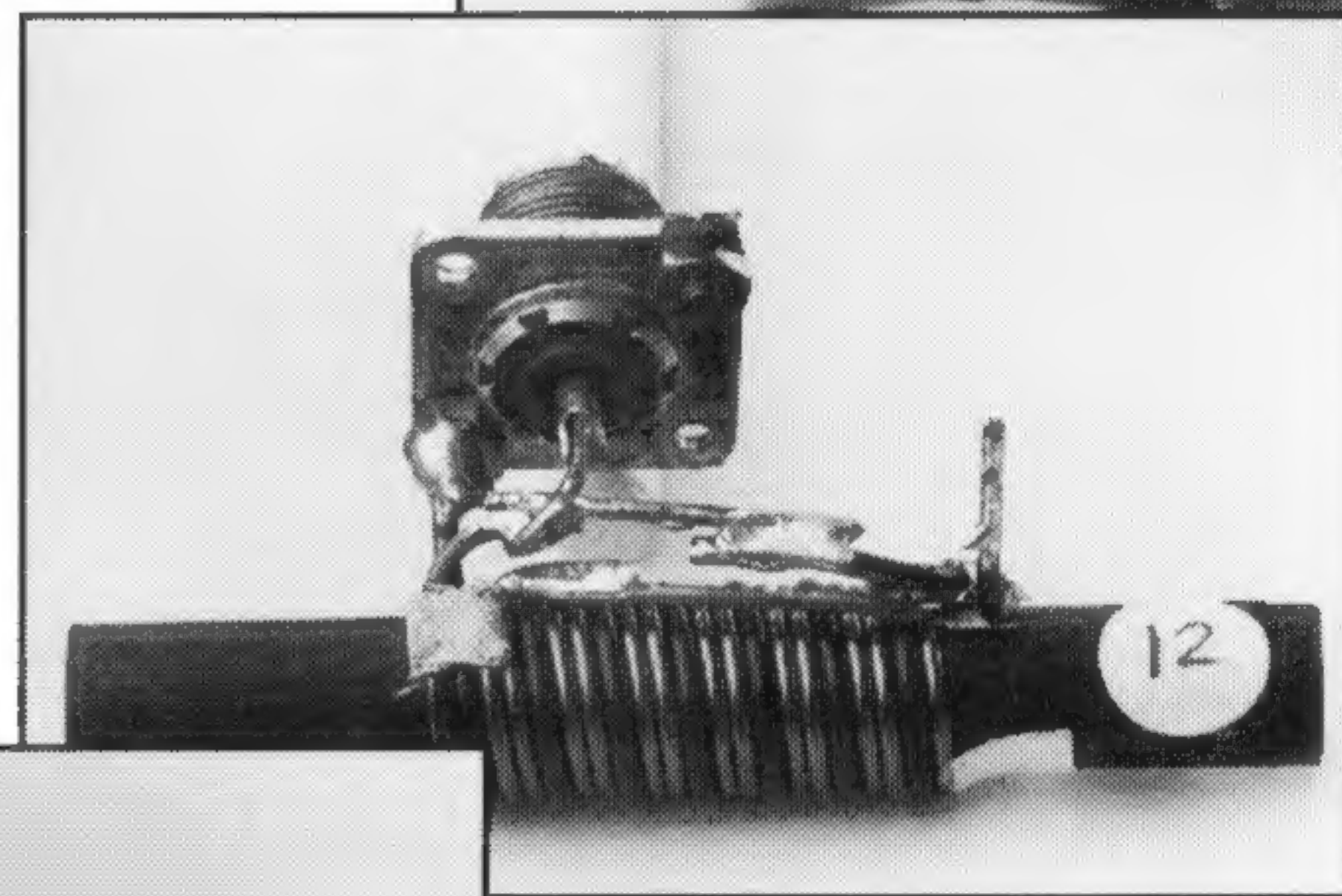
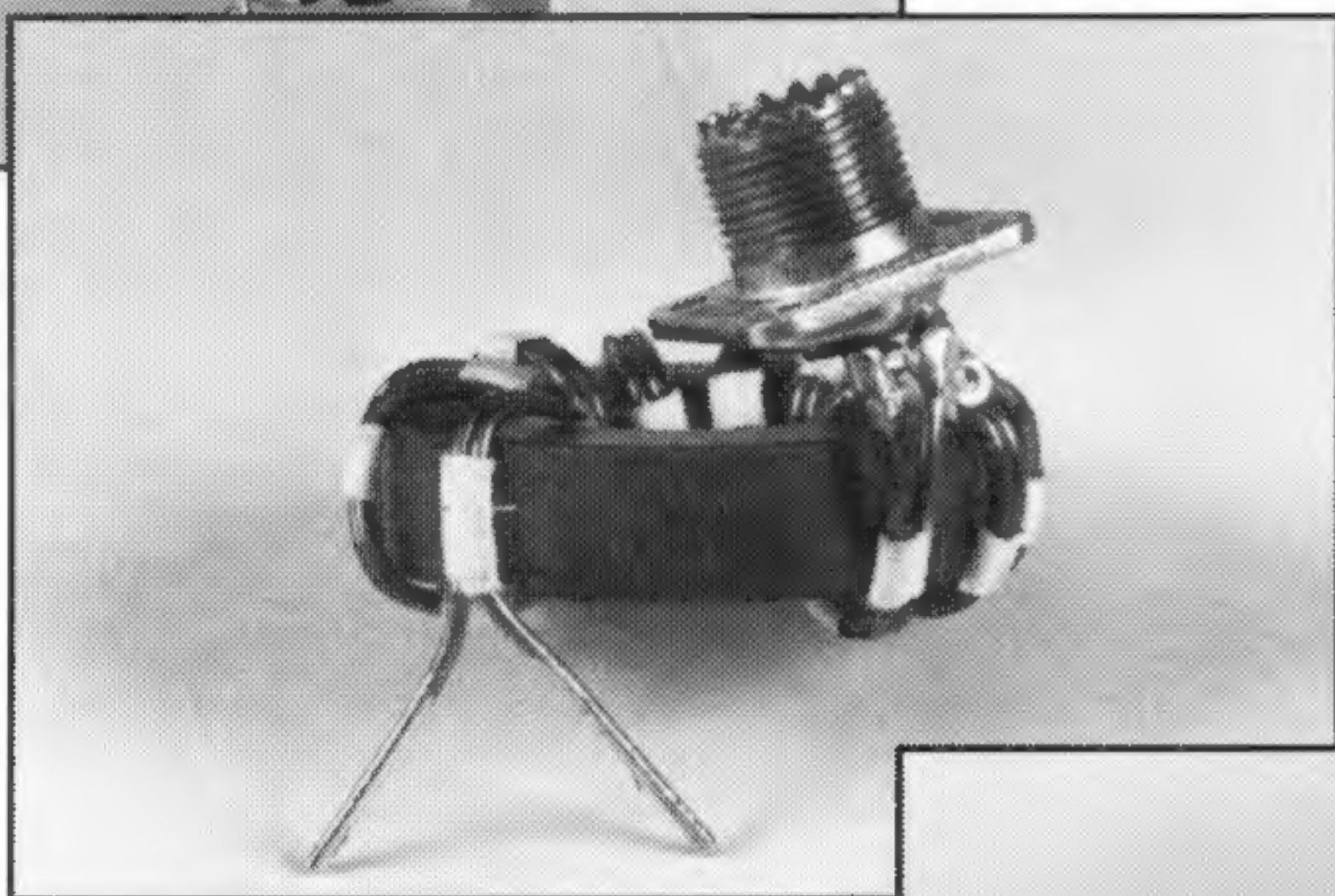
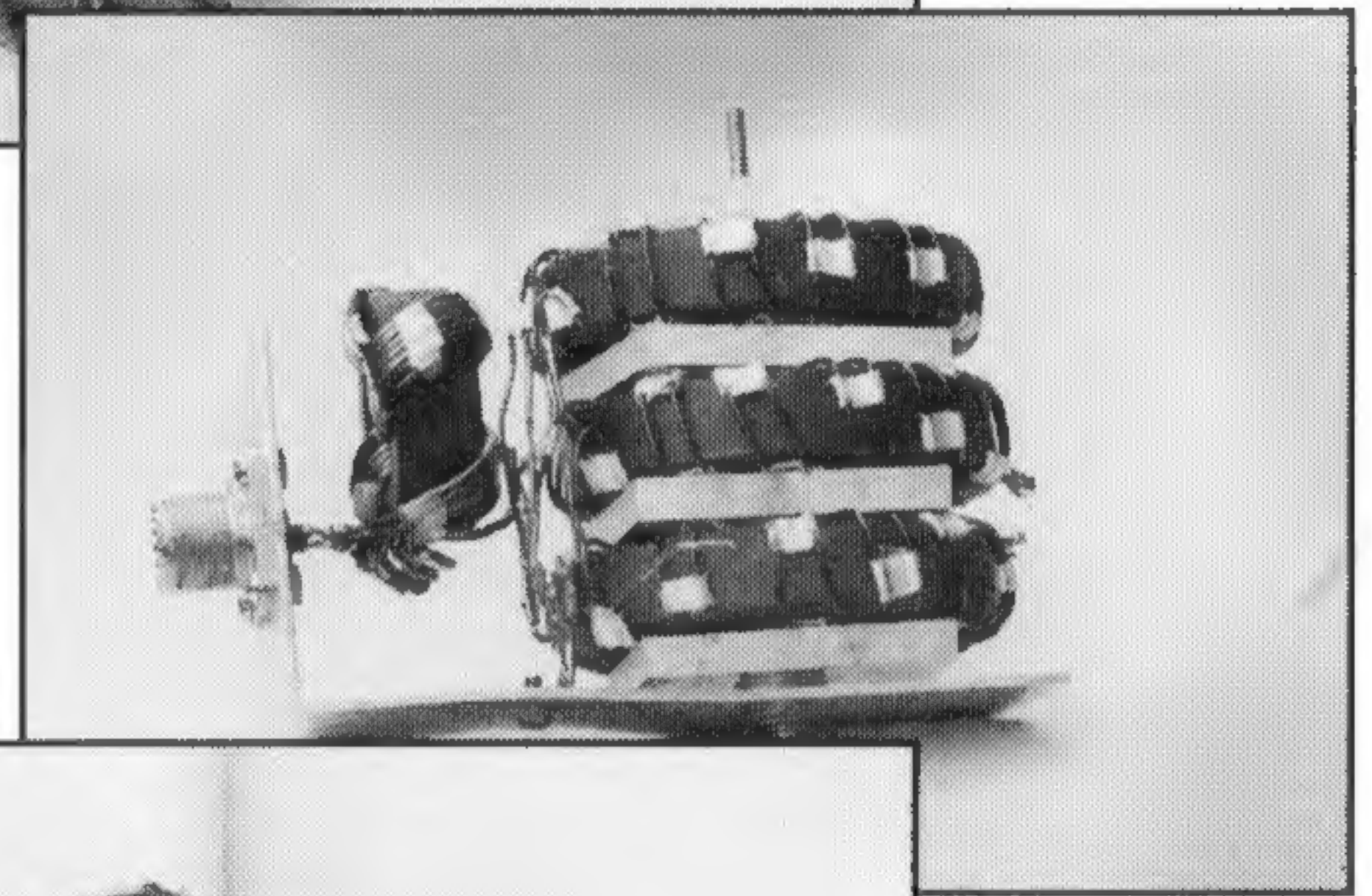
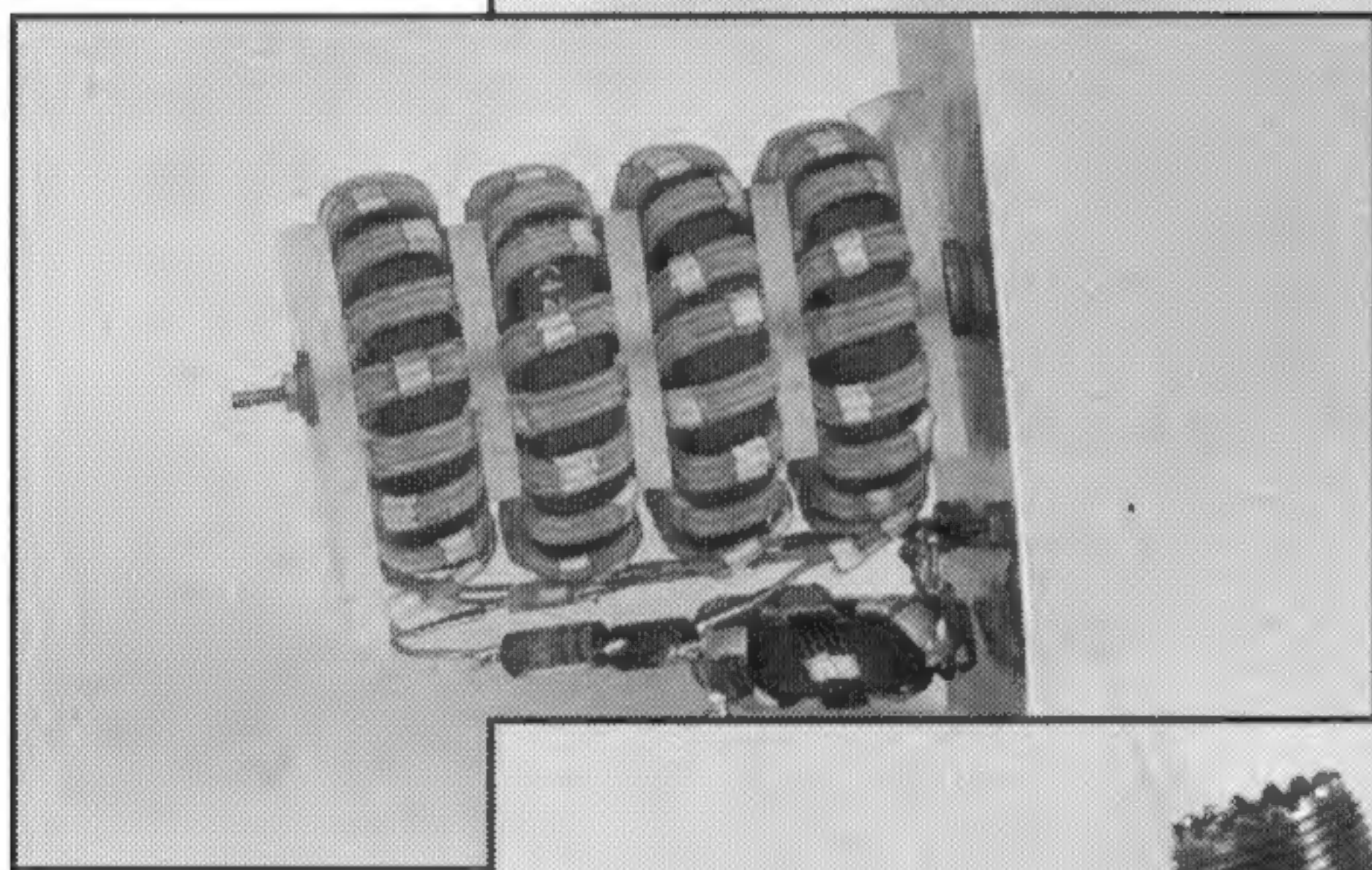
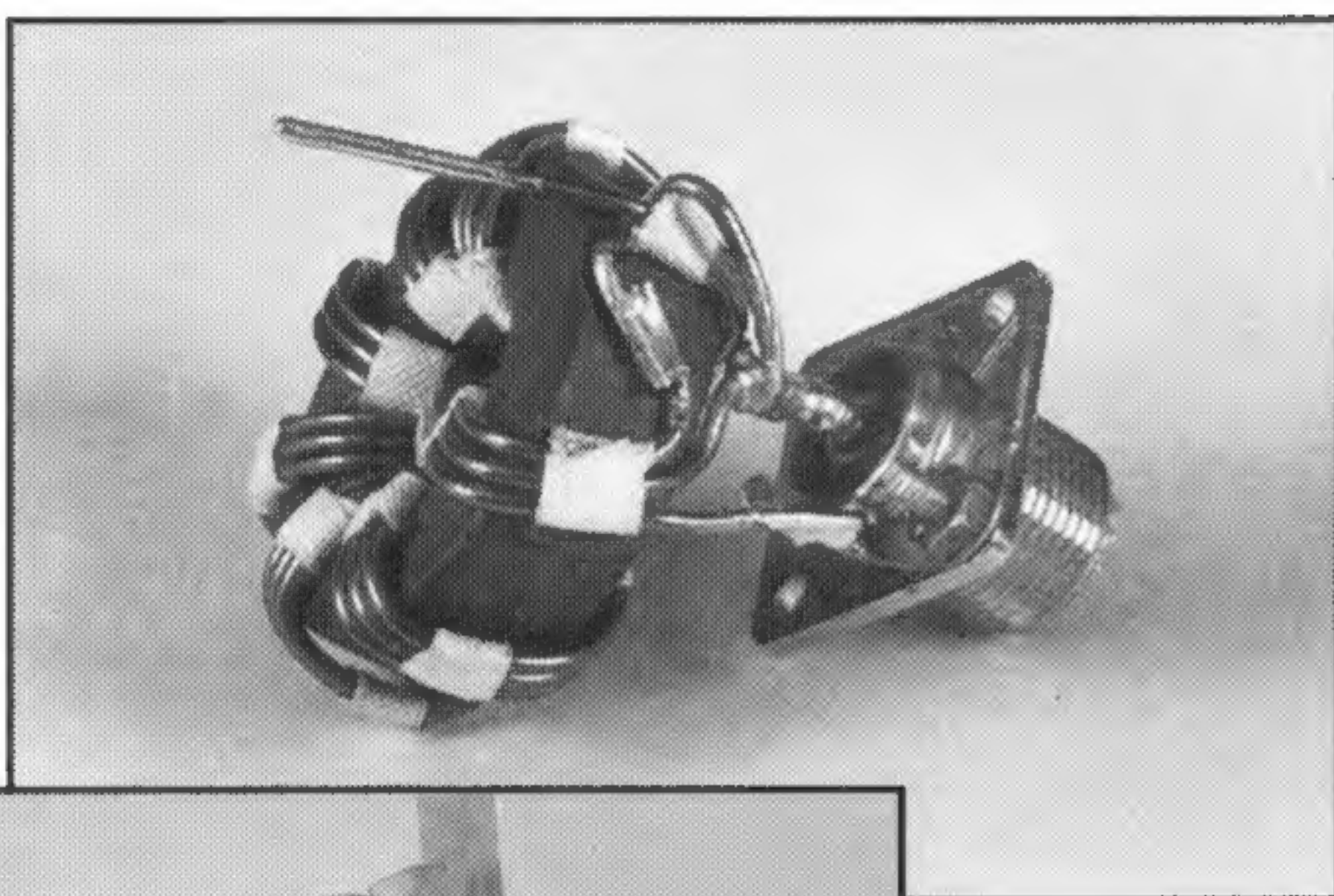


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BALUN, UNUN and MULTIMATCH Transmission Line Transformers

by Jerry Sevick

Introduction

Transmission line transformers have been in existence for more than four decades. But very little information has been available on specific design principles and in the characterization and specification of ferrites for their use in high-power applications. In fact, practically all of the research and development on ferrites have been directed toward their uses in conventional transformers and inductors.

This catalog is very likely, in a commercial way, to give the first information on new transformers and the availability of their various components for use in power applications in the MF and HF bands. Availability has been a major problem as noted in the feedback forms returned to the publisher from the author's book *Transmission Line Transformers* (1). The principles reviewed here should also be of some help for their uses in other applications.

This catalog also attempts to present, briefly, the following: a) the theory of these very broadband, highly efficient and flexible transformers, b) the power rating considerations of this class of transformers, c) the practical considerations in their uses and d) a list of transformers that are available from Amidon Associates, Inc. All of these transformers were selected from the author's book. Many of the examples listed here are improvements over those in the book since they offer more margins at the low-frequency end where excessive core flux (and hence possible damage) could occur.

Theory

The earliest presentation on transmission line transformers was by Guanella in 1944 (2). He proposed the concept of coiling transmission lines to form a choke that would suppress the undesired mode in balanced-to-unbalanced matching applications. His 1:1 balun, also known as the Basic Building Block, is shown in Figure 1. The choking reactance, which isolates the input from the output, is usually obtained by coiling the transmission line around a ferrite core or by threading the line through ferrite beads. The objectives, in practically all cases, are to have the characteristic impedance, Z_0 , of the transmission line equal to the value of the load, R_L , (which is called the optimum characteristic impedance) and to have the choking reactance much greater than R_L (and hence Z_0). Meeting these objectives results in a 'flat' line and hence maximum high-frequency response and maximum efficiency since conventional transformer currents are suppressed.

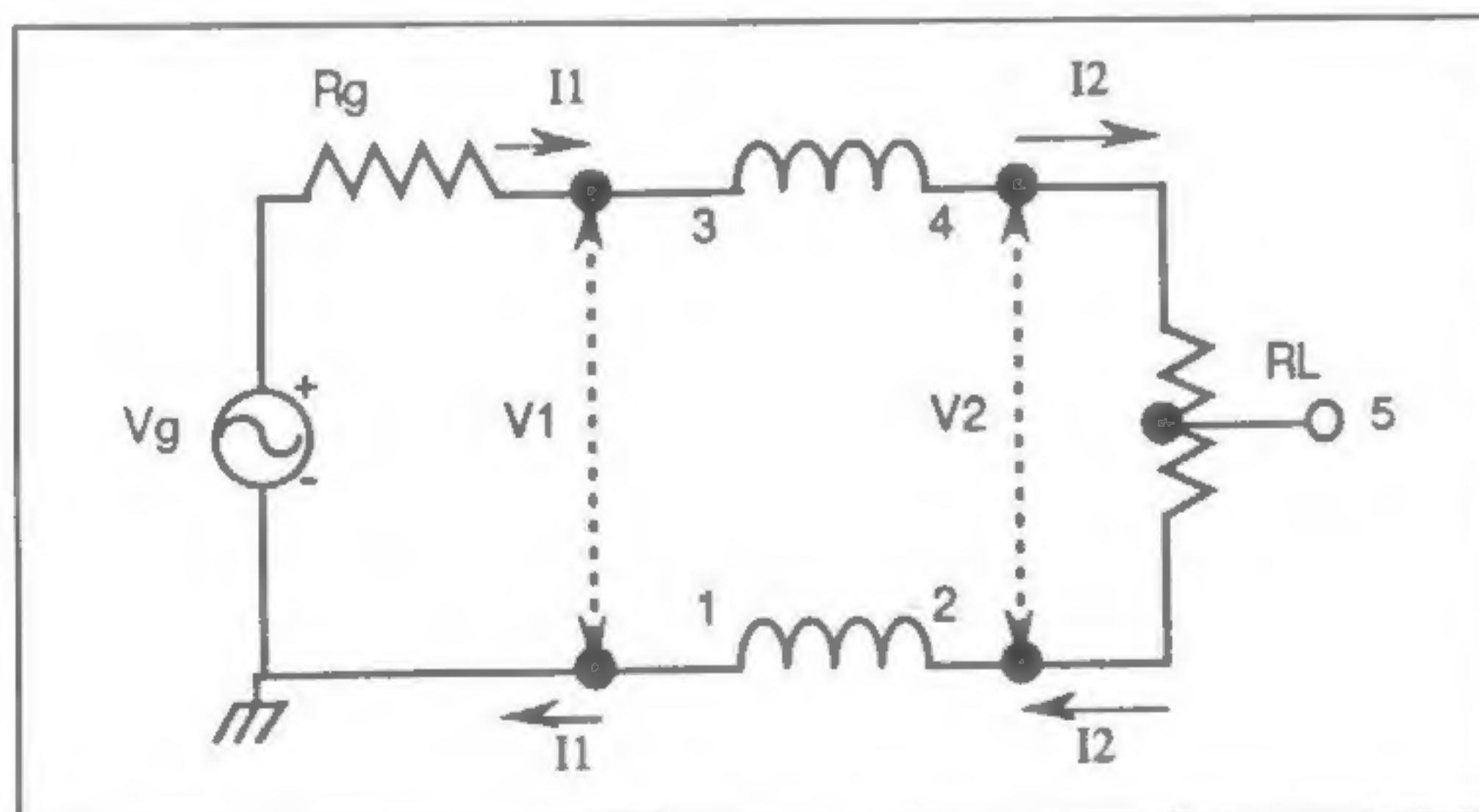


Figure 1. The Guanella 1:1 balun : the basic building block

By combining coiled transmission lines in parallel-series arrangements, Guanella was able to demonstrate very broadband baluns, with ratios of $1:n^2$ where n is the number of transmission lines.

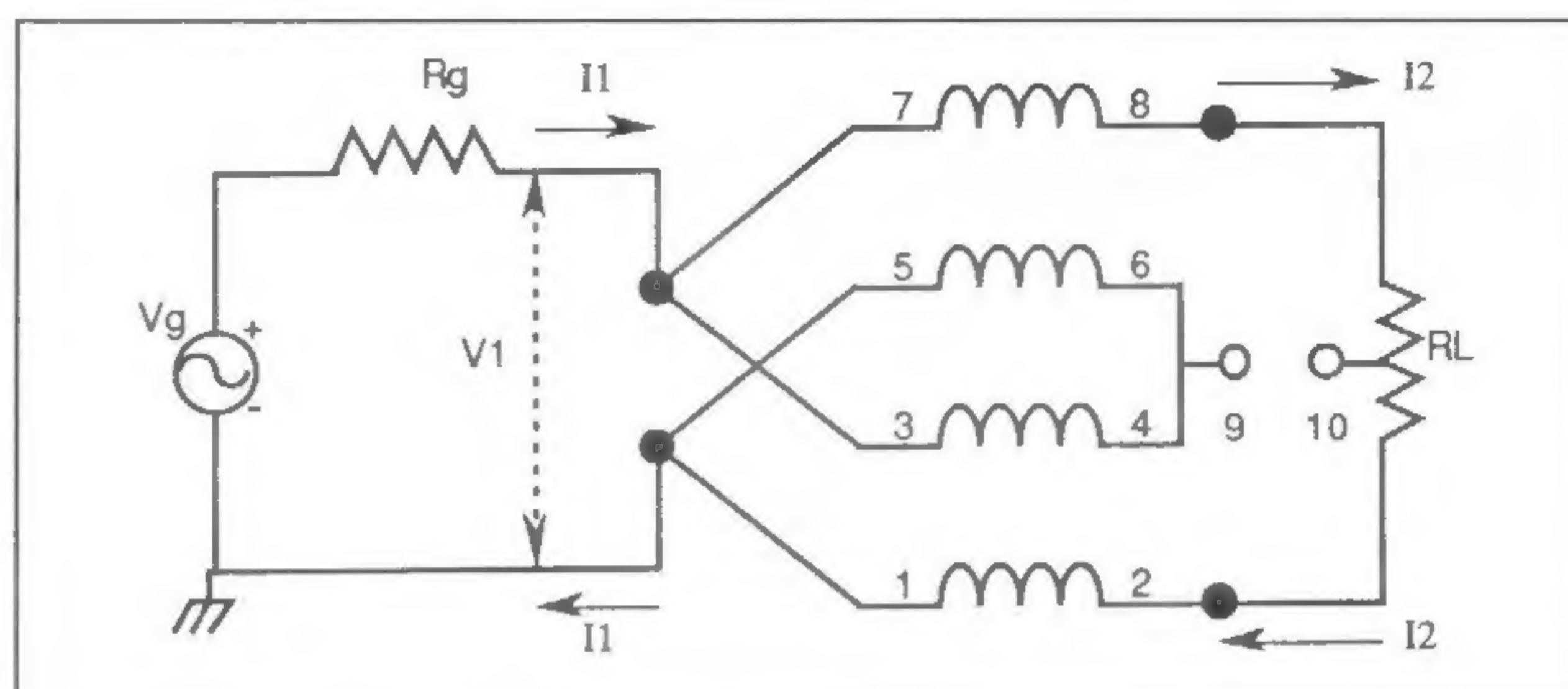


Figure 2. The Guanella 1:4 balun

Figure 2 shows the schematic for his 1:4 balun. His simple and important statements, "a frequency independent transformation," which appeared in his paper, had been overlooked by almost everyone as is evidenced by the scarcity of information in the literature on his approach to this class of transformers. Using straight, beaded lines or having sufficient separation between bifilar windings on a core, results in near-ideal transformers. Further, Guanella's baluns can also be easily converted to very broadband ununs (unbalanced-to-unbalanced transformers) by accounting for their low-frequency circuit models.

Ruthroff presented, in his classical 1959 paper (3), another technique for obtaining a 1:4 impedance transformation. It involved summing a direct voltage with a delayed voltage which traversed a single transmission line. Figure 3(A) shows his 1:4 unun and Figure 3(B) his 1:4 balun.

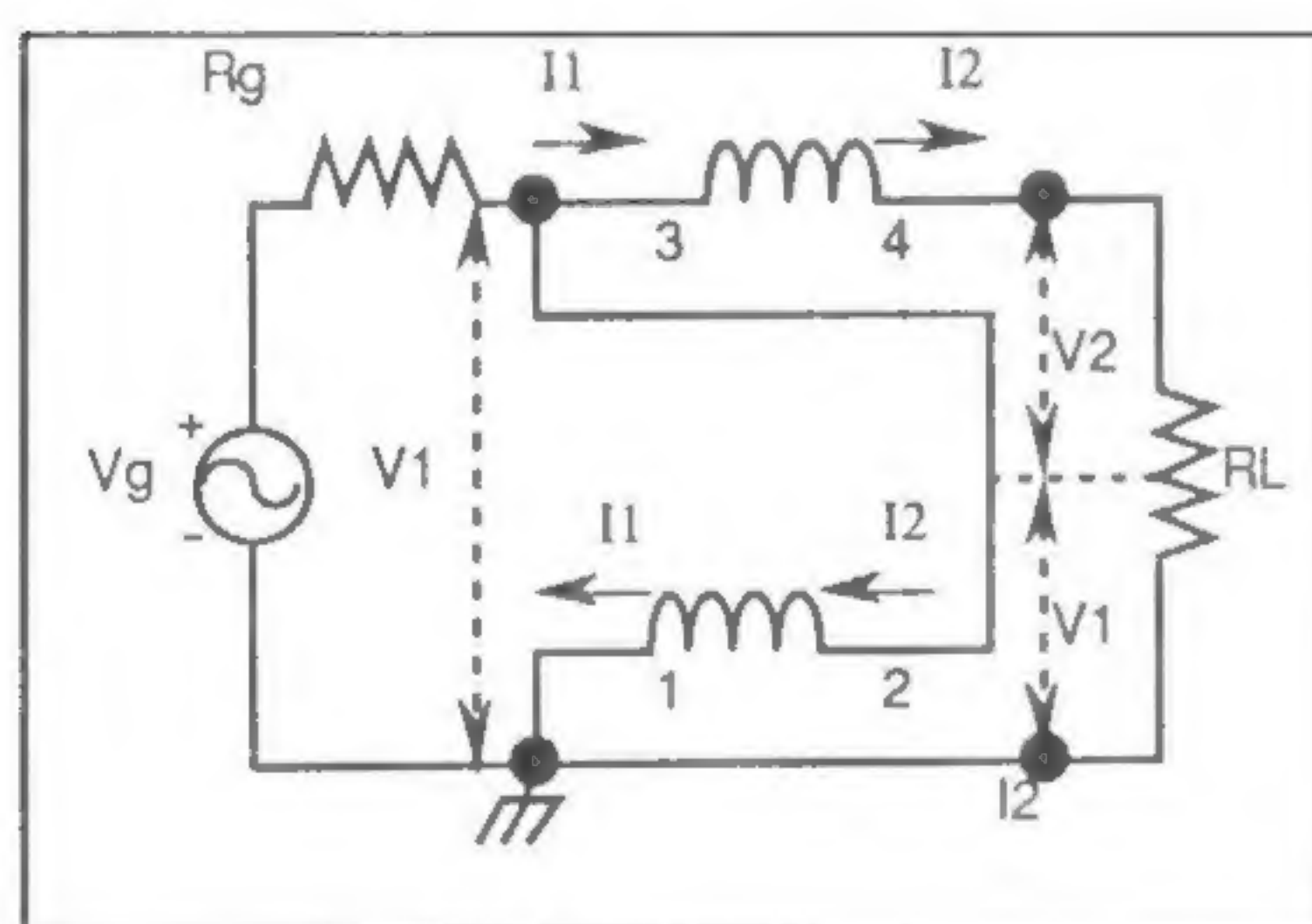


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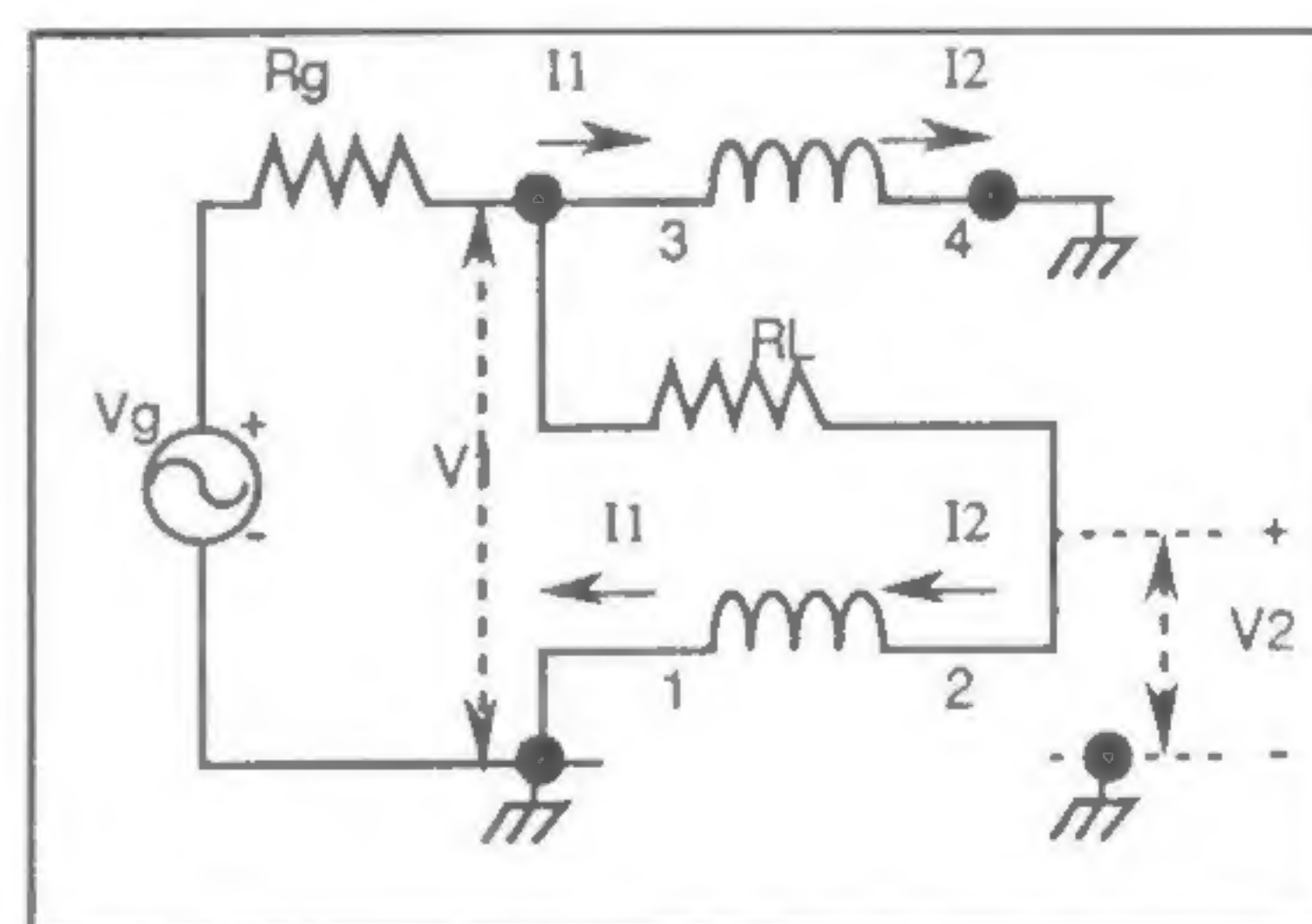


Fig. 3-B

Figure 3. The Ruthroff 1:4 transformer : (A) Unun and (B) Balun

(1) J. Sevvick, *Transmission Line Transformers*, Newington, CT ARRL 2nd ed., 1990. Also available from Amidon Associates.

(2) Guanella G. 'Novel Matching Systems for High Frequencies,' *Brown-Boverie Review*, Vol 31, Sept 1944, pp 327-329.

(3) Ruthroff C.L., 'Some Broad-Band Transformers, *Proc IRE*, Vol 47, August 1959, pp 1337-1342.

Figure 3(A) shows the basic building block connected in the "boot-strap" configuration. By connecting terminal 3 to terminal 2, the transmission line is "lifted-up by its own boot-straps" to V_1 . The choking reactance of the windings prevents conventional transformer currents to flow resulting in a voltage of $V_1 + V_2$ across load, R_L . Figure 3(B) shows the basic building block connected in the "phase-inverter" configuration. Since a negative potential gradient now exists along the transmission line, the voltage across the load, R_L , is now V_1 on the left side and $-V_2$ on the right side.

Since Ruthroff's transformers summed a delayed voltage with a direct voltage, his transformers had a built-in, high-frequency cut-off. Although his transformers don't have the inherent high-frequency response of Guanella's transformers (which sums voltages of equal delays), they are easier to construct and many of his ununs should find use in matching 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms in the 1.5MHz to 30MHz range. This also includes rod transformers which do not possess as high a choking reactance because of the much higher reluctance of the large air-path for the magnetic field. Further, Ruthroff's "boot-strap" technique has been the basis for the author's very broadband fractional-ratio ununs which use higher-order windings (trifilar, quadrifilar, etc.).

Power Ratings

Transmission line transformers exhibit far wider bandwidths over conventional transformers because the stray inductances and interwinding capacitances are generally absorbed into the characteristic impedance of the transmission lines. With transmission lines, the flux is also effectively cancelled out in the core and extremely high efficiencies are possible over large portions of the pass band - losses of only 0.02 dB to 0.04 dB with certain core materials. A 0.02 dB loss translates to a 99.5 percent efficiency! Therefore very small transformers can safely handle surprisingly high powers. Experiments by the author have shown that toroids of 1-inch OD and wound with No. 18 wire can handle 600 watts of continuous power without thermal runaway. Reports have also been made of transformers, of the high-power types available here having withstood over 50KW of peak power without damage. Therefore it can safely be said that, with properly designed transformers, the power ratings of transmission line transformers are more determined by the ability of the conductors to handle the voltages and currents than by the size of the cores.

Accurate measurements have also shown that ferrite permeabilities of 300 and less are necessary for the extremely high efficiencies these transformers are capable of. Further, the measurements showed that loss is related to impedance levels. This indicates that the losses are more of a dielectric type than those experienced by conventional transformers (hysteresis, ohmic and eddy current).

Measurements have also shown that, even with permeabilities below 300, there are trade-offs in low-frequency response for efficiency. Here are some of the expected efficiencies for permeabilities of 250 to 300 (which are used in many of our transformers) as a function of the characteristic impedance of the transmission lines:

Characteristic Impedance Efficiency:

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| 50 ohms or less | 99 % |
| 50 ohms to 100 ohms | 97-98 % |
| 100 ohms to 200 ohms | 95-97 % |

These results show that with impedance levels of 50 ohms and less (including a 50:50-ohm balun), the ferrite of choice is in the 250 to 300 permeability range. Further experiments have also shown that transformers matching 50 ohms to 300 or 400 ohms (or even 600 ohms) using Guanella's approach, can achieve 99 percent efficiencies by using permeabilities of 40. But this is at an almost 10-fold (300/40) expense in low-frequency response. Instead of 1.5MHz, the low-frequency limit would be raised to 15MHz.

Since the establishment of power ratings for transmission line transformers have not been made by any professional group (and the above results are the only available data on efficiency), we have arbitrarily used the following levels:

- a) Low-power; 150 watts continuous and 300 watts peak power
- b) High-power; at least 1KW of continuous and 2KW peak power

Experiments have shown that the power ratings for the transformers offered in this catalog are very conservative. Some of the low-power units, which use rather thick wires in order to achieve the optimum characteristic impedances, could very well be placed in the high-power category. More work has to be done in this area of power-ratings of transmission line transformers.

Practical Consideration

- 1) Transmission line transformers are basically low-impedance devices. In practice, characteristic impedances as low as 5 ohms and as high as 200 ohms are obtainable. Thus broad bandwidths in the impedance-ratio range of 2.5:50-ohms and 50:1000-ohms are possible.
- 2) Transmission line transformers are basically unilateral devices. For example, a 4:1 transformer (with 50 ohms at one terminal) is only designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms or 50 ohms to 200 ohms. It cannot handle both conditions. Only when the impedance-ratio is low, say 1.5:1, is bilateral operation practical. Even then the bandwidth in the favored direction is usually twice as great as in the other direction.
- 3) Since high-impedance transformers require higher choking reactances (and hence more turns) and characteristic impedances, they are generally larger and more difficult to construct. Their power ratings are not any greater than their low-impedance counterparts. In fact their losses (which are dielectric) could be greater!
- 4) Broadband baluns operating at high-impedance and high-power levels are generally easier to design and construct than ununs (unbalanced-to-unbalanced transformers). Important considerations in either type of transformer requires an understanding of their low-frequency circuit models and trade-offs in efficiency for bandwidth.
- 5) In power applications where efficiency is an important consideration, only low-permeability nickel-zinc ferrites (40-300 range) have been found (by the author) to be required. Powdered-iron, because of its very low permeability is not recommended for any transmission line transformer applications.
- 6) Transmission line transformers are completely different from their conventional transformer counterparts. They are a combination of RF chokes and a configuration of transmission lines. Therefore, their designs and applications involve conventional transmission line theory, RF choke limitation, core losses (dielectric) and parasitics.
- 7) Since one of the objectives in designing these transformers is to obtain the optimized characteristic impedance of the transmission lines (for maximum high-frequency response), the spacing between the conductors is generally a critical parameter. Therefore, the thickness of the coatings on the wire as well as the use of other dielectrics like Teflon tubing and polyimide tape, play important roles. The electrical insulation properties which determine the voltage-breakdown capability, are only of secondary importance.
- 8) Because transmission line transformers are so efficient, they can be combined in many ways offering applications heretofore untried. These combinations could be in series (even on the same core) or in parallel. Their flexibility has yet to be explored.

LIST OF HIGH-POWER TRANSFORMERS

A.UNUNS (unbalanced-to-unbalanced transformers)

| | <u>Impedance Level</u> | <u>Part Number</u> | <u>Bandwidth</u> | <u>Comments</u> | <u>Page</u> |
|-----|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------|
| 1) | 50:32-ohms |W2FMI-1.5:1-HU50 |1MHz to 40MHz |1MHz to 20MHz at 75:50-ohms |11 |
| 2) | 75:50-ohms |W2FMI-1.5:1-HU75 |1MHz to 40MHz |1MHz to 20MHz at 50:32-ohms |12 |
| 3) | 50:22.22-ohms |W2FMI-2.25:1-HU50 |1MHz to 40MHz | |13 |
| 4) | 50:25-ohms |W2FMI-2:1-HU50 |1MHz to 30MHz | |14 |
| 5) | 50:28-ohms |W2FMI-1.78:1-HU50 |1MHz to 50MHz |Very broadband transformer |15 |
| 6) | 50:22.22-ohms 50:25-ohms |W2FMI-2:1-HDU50 |1MHz to 30MHz |Dual output transformer |16 |
| 7) | 112.5:50-ohms |W2FMI-2.25:1-HU112.5 |1MHz to 40MHz | |17 |
| 8) | 100:50-ohms |W2FMI-2:1-HU100 |1MHz to 30MHz | |18 |
| 9) | 112.5:50-ohms 100:50-ohms |W2FMI-2:1-HDU100 |1MHz to 30MHz |Dual output transformer |19 |
| 10) | 50:12.5-ohms |W2FMI-4:1-HRU50 |1.5MHz to 40MHz |Rod version |20 |
| 11) | 50:12.5-ohms |W2FMI-4:1-HCU50 |1MHz to 40MHz |Coax version, 5KW cont. 10KW peak power |21 |
| 12) | 50:5.56-ohms |W2FMI-9:1-HRU50 |1MHz to 30MHz |Rod version |22 |
| 13) | 50:5.56-ohms |W2FMI-9:1-HUH50 |1MHz to 30MHz |2KW cont., 4KW peak |23 |
| 14) | Multimatch Unun |W2FMI-HMMU50 | | |24 |
| a) | 50:5.56-ohms (9:1) | |1MHz to 30MHz | | |
| b) | 50:8.68-ohms (5.76:1) | |1MHz to 15MHz | | |
| c) | 50:12.5-ohms (4:1) | |1MHz to 20MHz | | |
| d) | 50:22.22-ohms (2.25:1) | |1MHz to 25MHz | | |
| e) | 50:34.72-ohms (1.44:1) | |1.7MHz to 20MHz | | |
| 15) | 50:28-ohms 50:12.5-ohms |W2FMI-1.78:1-HDU50 |1MHz to 30MHz |Dual output transformer |25 |
| 16) | Multimatch Unun |W2FMI-1.78:1-HMMU50 | | |26 |
| a) | 50:36.76-ohms (1.36:1) | |1MHz to 25MHz | | |
| b) | 50:28.13-ohms (1.78:1) | |1MHz to 45MHz | | |
| c) | 50:22.22-ohms (2.25:1) | |1MHz to 40MHz | | |
| d) | 50:16.34-ohms (3.06:1) | |1MHz to 30MHz | | |
| e) | 50:12.50-ohms (4:1) | |1MHz to 30MHz | | |
| f) | 50:5.56-ohms (9:1) | |1MHz to 25MHz |500watt continuous, 1KW peak power | |
| g) | 50:4.08-ohms (12.25:1) | |1MHz to 20MHz |500watt continuous, 1KW peak power | |
| h) | 50:3.13-ohms (16:1) | |1MHz to 20MHz | | |
| 17) | 50:32-ohms 50:18-ohms |W2FMI-1.56:1-HDU50 |1MHz to 40MHz |Dual output transformer |27 |

B. BALUNS

| <u>Impedance Level</u> | <u>Part Number</u> | <u>Bandwidth</u> | <u>Comments</u> | <u>Page</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1) 50:50-ohms | W2FMI-1:1-HBL50 | 1MHz to 50MHz | 2KW continuous, 4KW peak power..... | 28 |
| 2) 50:50-ohms | W2FMI-1:1-HBH50 | 1MHz to 50MHz | 5KW continuous, 10KW peak power | 29 |
| 3) 200:50-ohms | W2FMI-4:1-HBL200 | 1MHz to 50MHz | 1KW continuous, 2KW peak power..... | 30 |
| 4) 200:50-ohms | W2FMI-4:1-HBM200 | 1MHz to 50MHz | 2KW continuous, 4KW peak power..... | 31 |
| 5) 200:50-ohms | W2FMI-4:1-HBH200 | 1MHz to 50MHz | 5KW continuous, 10KW peak power | 32 |
| 6) 300:50-ohms | W2FMI-6:1-HB300 | 1.5MHz to 30MHz | | 33 |
| 7) 450:50-ohms | W2FMI-9:1-HB450 | 1.5MHz to 30MHz | | 34 |
| 8) 112.5:50-ohms | W2FMI-2.25:1-HB112.5 | 1.5MHz to 45MHz | | 35 |
| 9) 50:12.5-ohms | W2FMI-4:1-HB50 | 1.5MHz to 45MHz | | 36 |
| 10) 600:50-ohms | W2FMI-12:1-HB600 | 1.7MHz to 22MHz | | 37 |
| 11) 600:50-ohms | W2FMI-12:1-MB600 | 3.5MHz to 30MHz | 500W continuous, 1KW peak power..... | 38 |

LIST OF LOW-POWER TRANSFORMERS

A. UNUNS (unbalanced-to-unbalanced transformers)

| <u>Impedance Level</u> | <u>Part Number</u> | <u>Bandwidth</u> | <u>Comments</u> | <u>Page</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1) 50:32-ohms | W2FMI-1.5:1-LU50 | 1MHz to 40MHz | 1MHz to 20MHz at 75:50-ohms..... | 39 |
| 2) 75:50-ohms | W2FMI-1.5:1-LU75 | 1.5MHz to 50MHz | 1MHz to 25MHz at 50:32-ohms..... | 40 |
| 3) 50:22.22-ohms | W2FMI-2.25:1-LU50 | 1MHz to 50MHz | Very broadband transformer | 41 |
| 4) 50:25-ohms | W2FMI-2:1-LU50 | 1MHz to 40MHz | | 42 |
| 5) 50:22.22-ohms | W2FMI-2:1-LDU50 | 1MHz to 40MHz | Dual output transformer | 43 |
| | 50:25-ohms | | | |
| 6) 112.5:50-ohms | W2FMI-2.25:1-LU112.5 | 1MHz to 30MHz | | 44 |
| 7) 100:50-ohms | W2FMI-2:1-LU100 | 1MHz to 25MHz | | 45 |
| 8) 112.5:50-ohms | W2FMI-2:1-LDU100 | 1MHz to 25MHz | Dual output transformer | 46 |
| | 100:50-ohms | | | |
| 9) 50:12.5-ohms | W2FMI-4:1-LRU50 | 1MHz to 40MHz | Rod version | 47 |
| 10) 50:12.5-ohms | W2FMI-4:1-LFU50 | 1MHz to 30MHz | Floating-third-wire model | 48 |
| 11) 50:12.5-ohms | W2FMI-4:1-LCU50 | 1MHz to 50MHz | Coax version | 49 |
| 12) 50:5.56-ohms | W2FMI-9:1-LU50 | 1MHz to 50MHz | | 50 |

| | <u>Impedance Level</u> | <u>Part Number</u> | <u>Bandwidth</u> | <u>Comments</u> | <u>Page</u> |
|-----|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 13) | Multimatch Unun..... | W2FMI-9:1-LMMU50 | | | 51 |
| a) | 50:5.56-ohms (9:1) | | 1MHz to 30MHz | | |
| b) | 50:8-ohms (6.25:1) | | 1MHz to 25MHz | | |
| c) | 50:12.5-ohms (4:1) | | 1MHz to 25MHz | | |
| d) | 50:22.22-ohms (2.25:1) | | 1MHz to 30MHz | | |
| e) | 50:32-ohms (1.56:1) | | 1.5MHz to 15MHz | | |
| 14) | 50:28-ohms..... | W2FMI-1.78:1-LDU50 | 1MHz to 45MHz..... | Dual output transformer | 52 |
| | 50:12.5-ohms | | | | |
| 15) | Multimatch Unun..... | W2FMI-1.78:1-LMMU50 | | | 53 |
| a) | 50:36.86-ohms (1.36:1)..... | | 1MHz to 25MHz | | |
| b) | 50:28.13-ohms (1.78:1)..... | | 1MHz to 45MHz | | |
| c) | 50:22.22-ohms (2.25:1)..... | | 1MHz to 45MHz | | |
| d) | 50:16.34-ohms (3.06:1)..... | | 1MHz to 20MHz | | |
| e) | 50:12.5-ohms (4:1) | | 1MHz to 30MHz | | |
| f) | 50:5.56-ohms (9:1) | | 1MHz to 30MHz | | |
| g) | 50:4.08-ohms (12.25:1)..... | | 1MHz to 15MHz | | |
| h) | 50:3.13-ohms (16:1) | | 1MHz to 20MHz | | |
| 16) | 50:32-ohms | W2FMI-1.56:1-LDU50 | 1MHz to 40MHz..... | Dual output transformer | 54 |
| | 50:18-ohms | | | | |

B. BALUNS

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|----|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|----|
| 1) | 50:50-ohms | W2FMI-1:1-LB50 | 1MHz to 50MHz..... | | 55 |
| 2) | 200:50-ohms | W2FMI-4:1-LB200..... | 1.7MHz to 50MHz | | 56 |
| 3) | 300:50-ohms | W2FMI-6:1-LB300..... | 1.7MHz to 45MHz | | 57 |
| 4) | 450:50-ohms | W2FMI-9:1-LB450..... | 1.7MHz to 45MHz | | 58 |

Introduction

Transmission line transformers can be said to be difficult to construct because of the sensitivity of their high-frequency responses to the characteristic impedances of the windings (and hence spacing of the windings) and to the work-hardening of the copper wires upon winding them about a core.

At low characteristic impedance levels, a difference of only 6 mils in spacing can change the characteristic impedance from 45 ohms to 55 ohms. This could lower the high-frequency response from 30MHz to 20MHz. This would not necessarily increase the loss in the transformer since the currents are still of a transmission-line-type and hence flux canceling. If the characteristic impedance is too low, the impedance transformation ratio can become complex (have an imaginary part at the high-frequency end) and become larger in magnitude. If it is too high, the ratio can become smaller. The primary function of the insulation on the wires is to obtain the proper spacing in order to achieve the optimum characteristic impedance of these windings (and hence maximum high-frequency response). The secondary function is for voltage-breakdown improvement.

In the winding process, copper wire (which is normally soft) can become very stiff and difficult to manage. In many cases, the windings have to be rolled-back a quarter- or half-turn in order to reposition them or to wind them closer to the core. A pair of pliers and a strong thumb are indispensable tools.

This write-up attempts to help the builder to construct transformers that meet the objectives they are capable of. It includes the following: a) wire preparation, b) winding rod and toroidal transformers and c) connecting and tapping wires.

Wire Preparation

The first step is to determine the length of the wire needed in coiling it about the core and then making the proper connections. Experience has shown that 4 to 5 extra inches are needed beyond the coiled winding. About a third should be at the beginning of the winding and the other two-thirds at the end. A simple technique for determining the length is to take a piece of string, wind it about the core with the proper number of turns) and then add 4 to 5 inches to that length. Another technique is to calculate the length-per-turn, multiply it by the required number of turns and then add 4 to 5 inches to it. Generally, the kits are supplied with enough wire, insulation and other components (except cores) to allow for two attempts in constructing the transformers. One will find that the wire cannot be reused because of work-hardening.

The second step is to straighten-out the wire as much as possible. This can be accomplished by holding the wire at one end with a pair of pliers and then pulling the wire between the clenched thumb and forefinger several times. Some work-hardening will take place but it will not prove to be a problem. Each wire is then skinned-back (insulation removed) about 3/4ths of an inch at one end. This is usually the beginning end of the winding. One will find that scraping off the insulation (with a jack-knife, usually) is probably one of the more difficult (and boring) tasks in constructing these transformers.

Three of the more popular wires (known as magnet wires) used in these transformers are Formvar, Thermaleze and Imideze. Formvar is generally available with a single coating of insulation (0.08 mils thick) and has the designation SF. Thermaleze and Imideze usually have a thick coating (1.6 mils) and have the designation H. All three have the same dielectric-breakdown-per-unit-thickness (2000 volts/mil). They only differ in their thermal capabilities which are important in motors, generators and 60 hertz power transformers and not transmission line transformers. Incidentally, Imideze has the greatest thermal tolerance (220 degrees centigrade) and Formvar the least (105 degrees centigrade).

Extra insulation on the wire, like Scotch No. 92 or Teflon tubing is necessary in many cases in order to achieve the proper spacing between the wires and hence obtain the desired optimum characteristic impedances. When striving for characteristic impedances of 50 ohms, sometimes one layer of Scotch No. 92 tape (a thickness of 2.8 mils) is required. In other cases, two layers are needed. The author has found that by laying the Scotch No. 92 tape (which is 1/2 inch wide) edgewise on the wire and then rolling it around like a rug or window shade, two layers are practically realized on No. 12, 14 and 16 wire. A little less will be on No. 12 wire and a little more on No. 16 wire. Electrically, the objectives will be met. A U-frame will be found helpful in holding the wire. The two-layer thicknesses can also be accomplished by controlled-spiral winding.

The goal to achieve a single layer thickness of Scotch No.92 (2.8 mils) is a little more difficult. One has to slit the 1/2-inch wide tape so it just covers the circumference of the wire. The width can be calculated by multiplying the diameter by 3.14 (pi). For No. 14 wire, this amounts to about 4/10ths the width of the 1/2-inch tape. Since generally two pieces now become available from the 1/2-inch wide tape, the starting length is one-half of the final length needed. The slitting process involves laying the Scotch No. 92 tape on a smooth surface (like glass or metal) and using a safety razor blade and ruler with a metal edge. Incidentally, the thickness of Scotch No. 92 tape is made up of 1 mil of polyimide and 1.8 mils of adhesive. This tape has excellent electrical and thermal properties and is highly recommended.

Winding Rod and Toroidal Transformers

The rod transformer, although not as popular as its toroidal counterpart, is the easier transformer to wind. This is because it can be wound one wire at a time and hence, work-hardening becomes less of a problem. Further, the turns can be wound much more tightly (i.e., less space between adjacent turns). This allows one to easily obtain a characteristic impedance of 25 ohms which is necessary with transformers matching 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms. With toroidal cores, one has to resort to low-impedance coaxial cable or stripline or a floating-third-wire.

The major trick in ending up with a tight bifilar winding on a rod is to put on the first winding as tightly as possible. The second wire is then fastened firmly at its beginning by lightly soldering it to the first wire. It is then wound around the rod by actually stuffing it between the turns of the first winding. One then finds it becomes fast to the rod and results in the best electrical and mechanical condition. For a trifilar winding, the first winding should have about 1-wire-diameter spacing between turns. For a quadrifilar winding, the spacing should be 2-wire-diameters, etc.

The best procedure for toroidal transformers is to make a ribbon out of the wires and then wind them all at the same time. This assures their spacings and hence performances. The ribbon can be easily constructed by using thin sections of Scotch No. 27 glass tape as clamps every 5/8- to 3/4-inches. The tapes should be about 1/4-inch wide and long enough to wrap around the wires twice. These dimensions were achieved by first cutting the 1/2-inch wide tape lengthwise for the proper width.

Connecting and Tapping Wire

Figure 1 shows the definite patterns that exist with rod, toroidal and coax windings. The schematics, in these cases, are for Ruthroff 1:4 unun transformers. Figure 2 shows the patterns that exist for quintufilar transformers. The trifilar and quadrifilar transformers can be easily visualized from Figure 2. Putting numbered tags on the ends of each wire will also help in keeping track of them. The photographs supplied with each kit will show how the connections can be made.

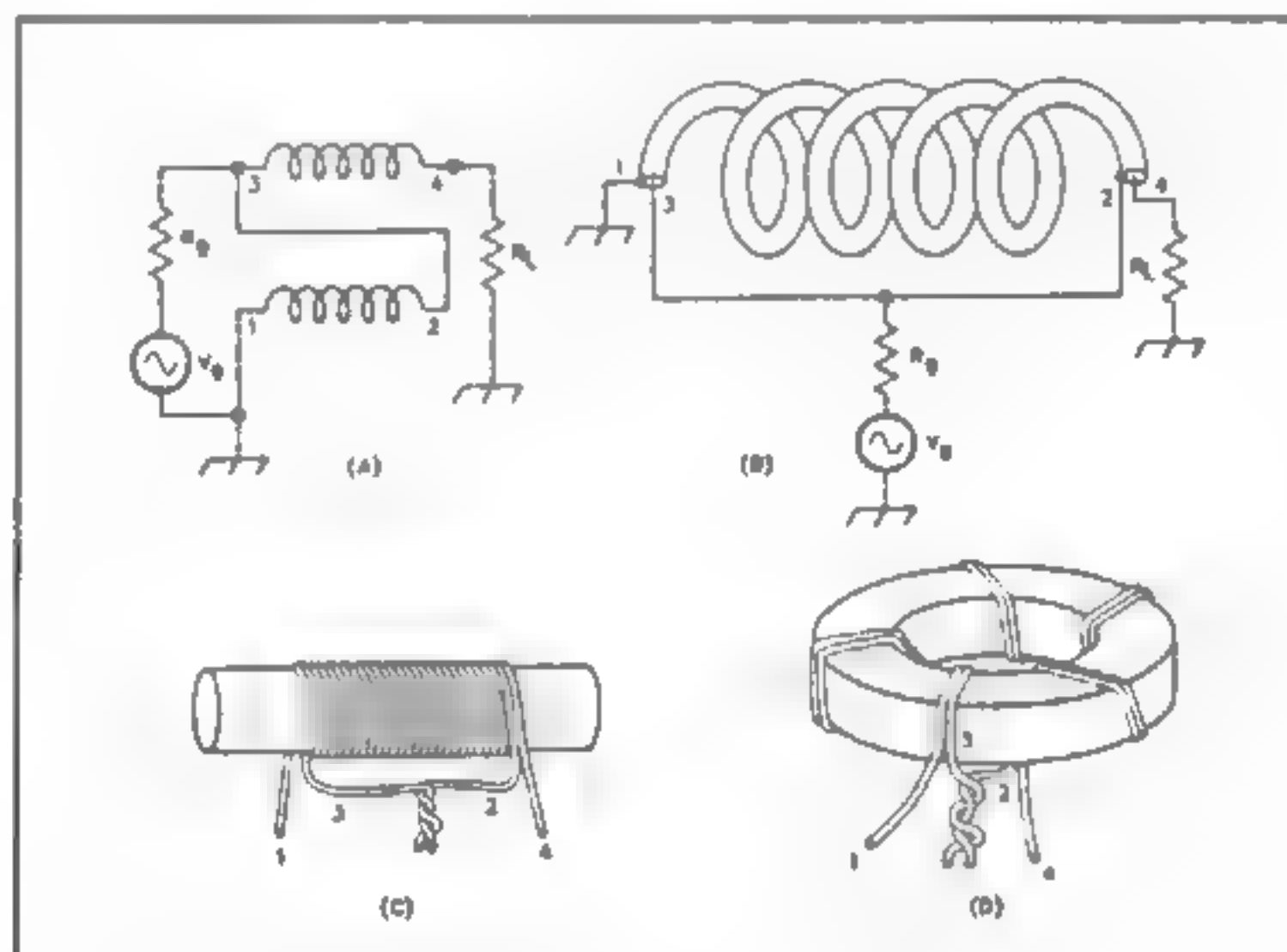


Figure 1 - The Ruthroff 1:4 unun: (A) wire schematic, (B) coaxial cable schematic, (C) rod pictorial and (D) toroid pictorial

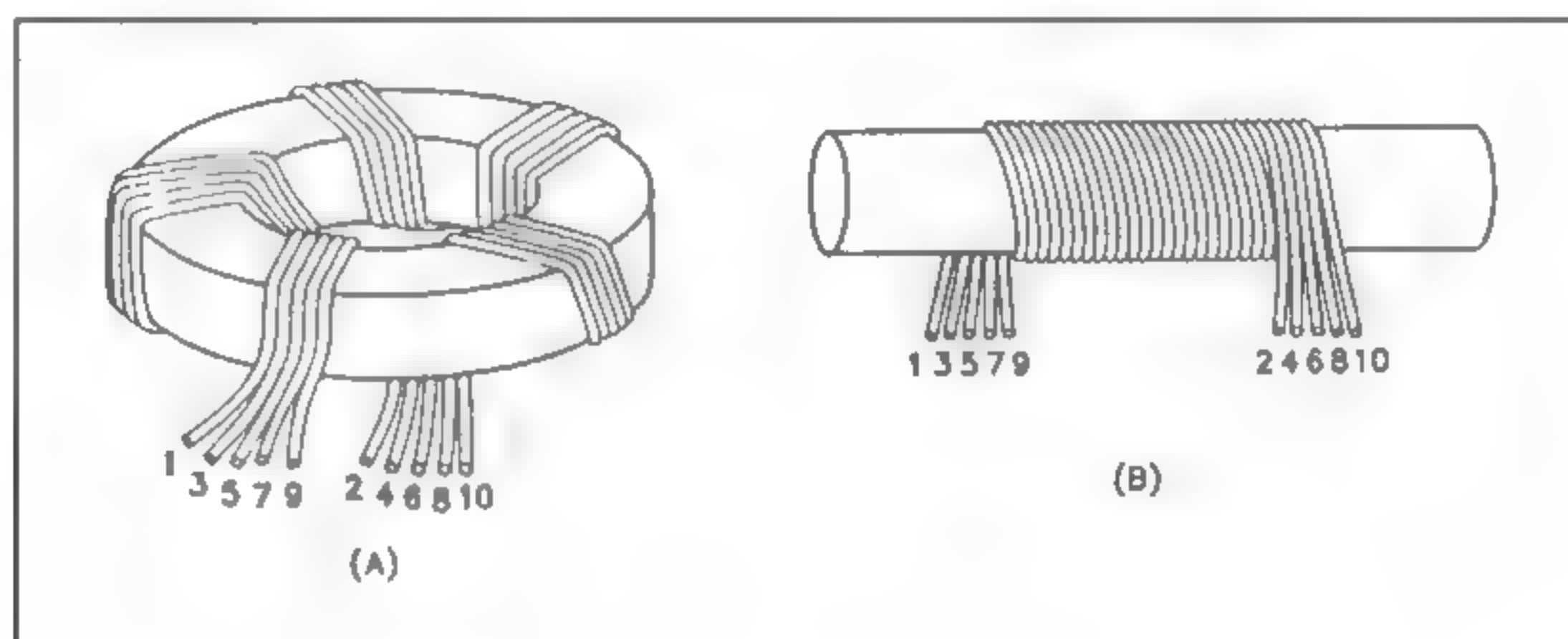


Figure 2 - Pictorials of quintufilar windings: (A) toroid and (B) rod.

Generally, the trifilar transformer with a 2.25:1 impedance transformation ratio or the quadrifilar transformer with a 1.78:1 ratio, can satisfy most 2:1 ratio requirements. They are much easier to construct. But in some cases, like 2:1 transformers and multimatch transformers, tapping is necessary in order to meet the objectives.

The author has found that a small, fine file has been found to be very helpful in obtaining successful taps. First, the coating of the wire is removed (about an 1/8-inch wide) at the right distance on the straight wire by the edge of the file. A narrow copper strip or flattened wire is soldered to the bare part of the wire. The connection is then rendered smooth by the edge of the file. Finally, two thicknesses of Scotch No. 92 tape are placed on the connection in order to provide adequate insulation between the wire (which is straight at this point) when the tap is required to be near the center of the winding (like 4 out of 8 turns). In this case, the winding of the transformer is started at the center of the wire where the tap should be.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1.5:1-HU is a high-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 32 ohms. It has a constant impedance transformation ratio of 1.5:1 (actually 1.56:1) from 1MHz to 40MHz. In the reverse direction, matching 75 ohms to 50 ohms, the response is flat from 1MHz to 20 MHz. A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Circuit Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Four quintufilar turns are wound on an Amidon PN FT-150-K. The center winding in Figure 1 is No. 14 Formvar SF wire. The other four are No. 16 Formvar SF wire.

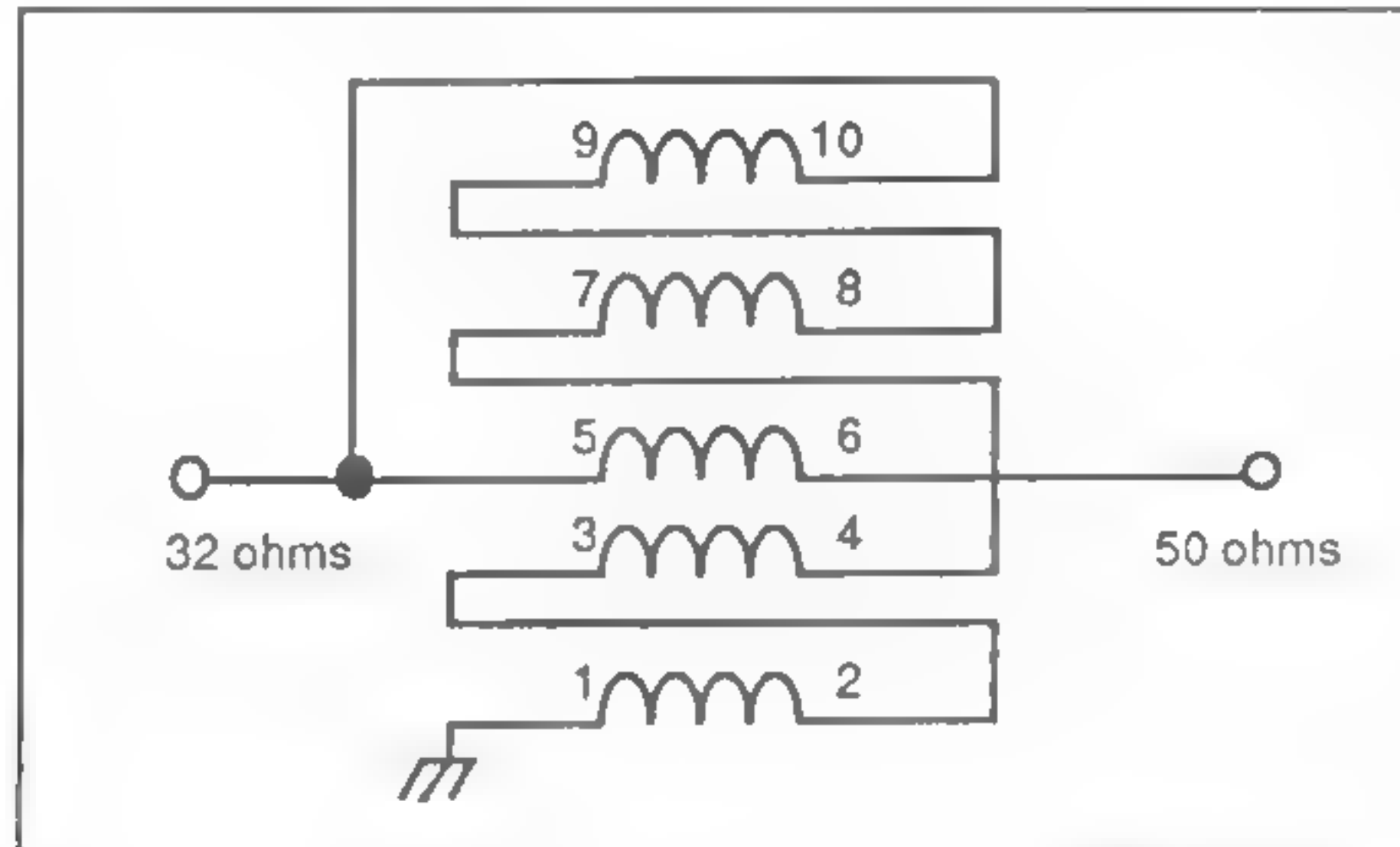


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the quintufilar UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 32 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The 50-239 connector is on the low-impedance side.



Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1.5:1-HU transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1.5:1-HU75 is a high-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 75 ohms to 50 ohms. It has a constant impedance transformation ratio of 1.5:1 (actually 1.56:1) from 1MHz to 40MHz. In the reverse direction, matching 50 ohms to 32 ohms, the response is flat from 1MHz to 20 MHz. A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Four quinfilar turns are wound on an Amidon FT-150-K. Winding 7-8 in Figure 1 is No. 14 H-Imideze wire. The other four are No. 16 H-Imideze wire. The thick coating (3 mils) of H. Thermaleze wire assures the optimum characteristic impedance of the windings. Formvar and Thermaleze wires with equal thicknesses of coatings would perform as well.

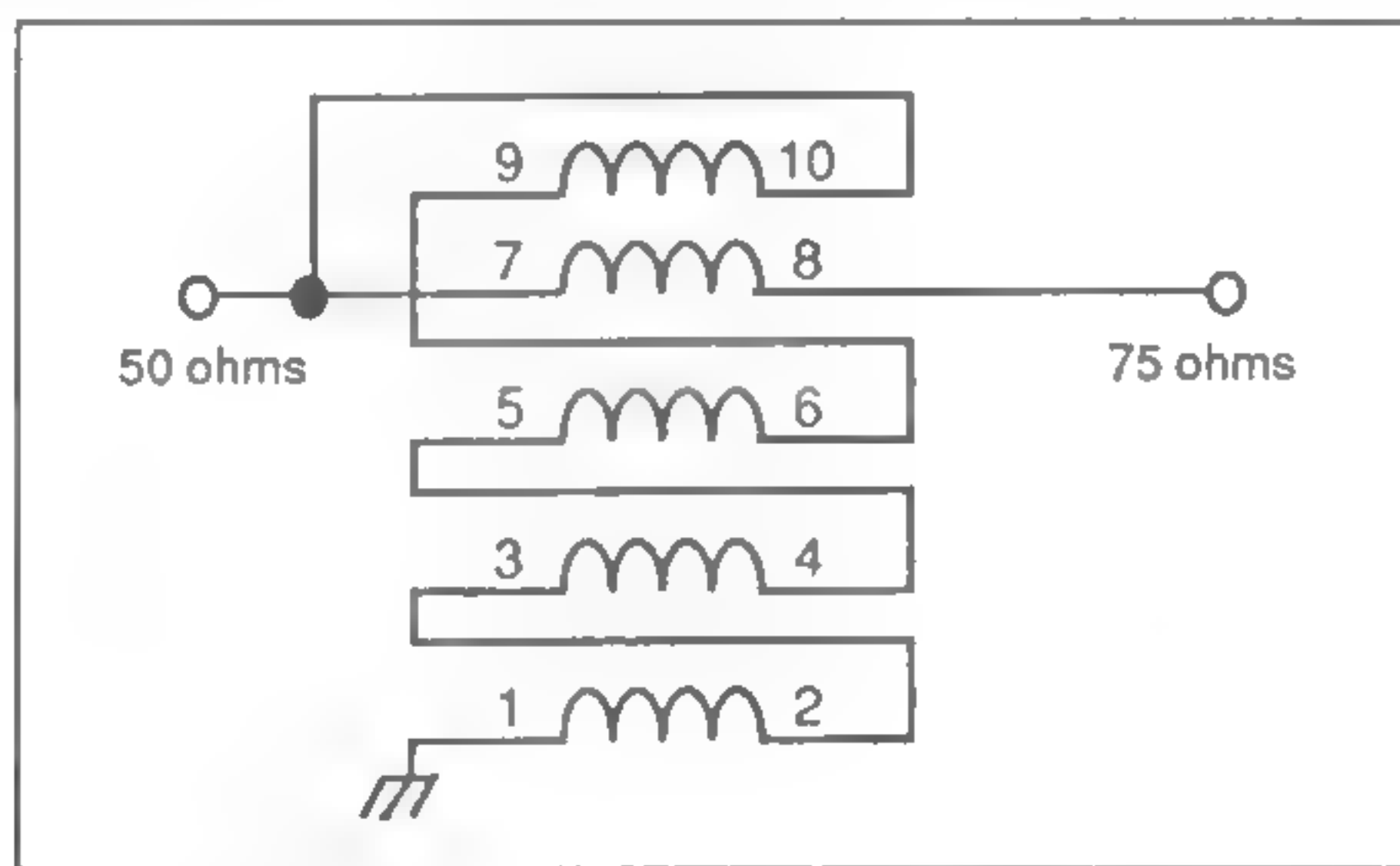


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the quinfilar UNUN transformer designed to match 75 ohms to 50 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The 50-239 connector is on the low-impedance side.

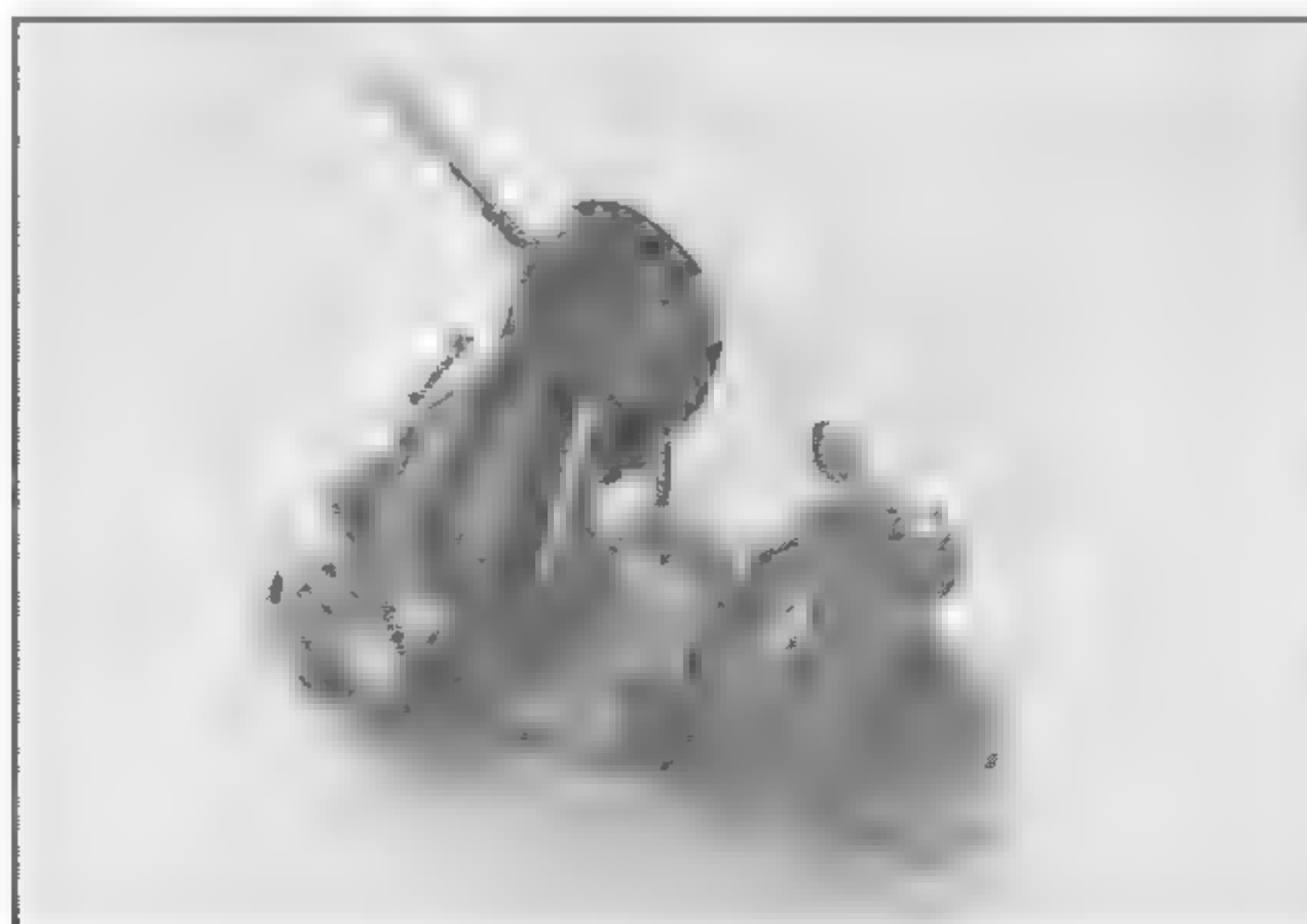


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1.5:1-HU75 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2.25:1-HU50 is a high-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 22.22 ohms. It has a constant impedance transformation ratio of 2.25:1 from 1MHz to 40MHz. This ratio should satisfy many of the 2:1 requirements. This is particularly true with antennas since their impedances vary with frequency. Only a small difference (from a 2:1 ratio) in the frequency for the best match-point (lowest VSWR) will be observed. Also there will be very little difference in the values of the VSWRs. Further, it is much easier to construct than a 2:1 transformer. A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Six trifilar turns of No. 14 H. Thermaleze wire are wound on an Amidon FT-150-K.

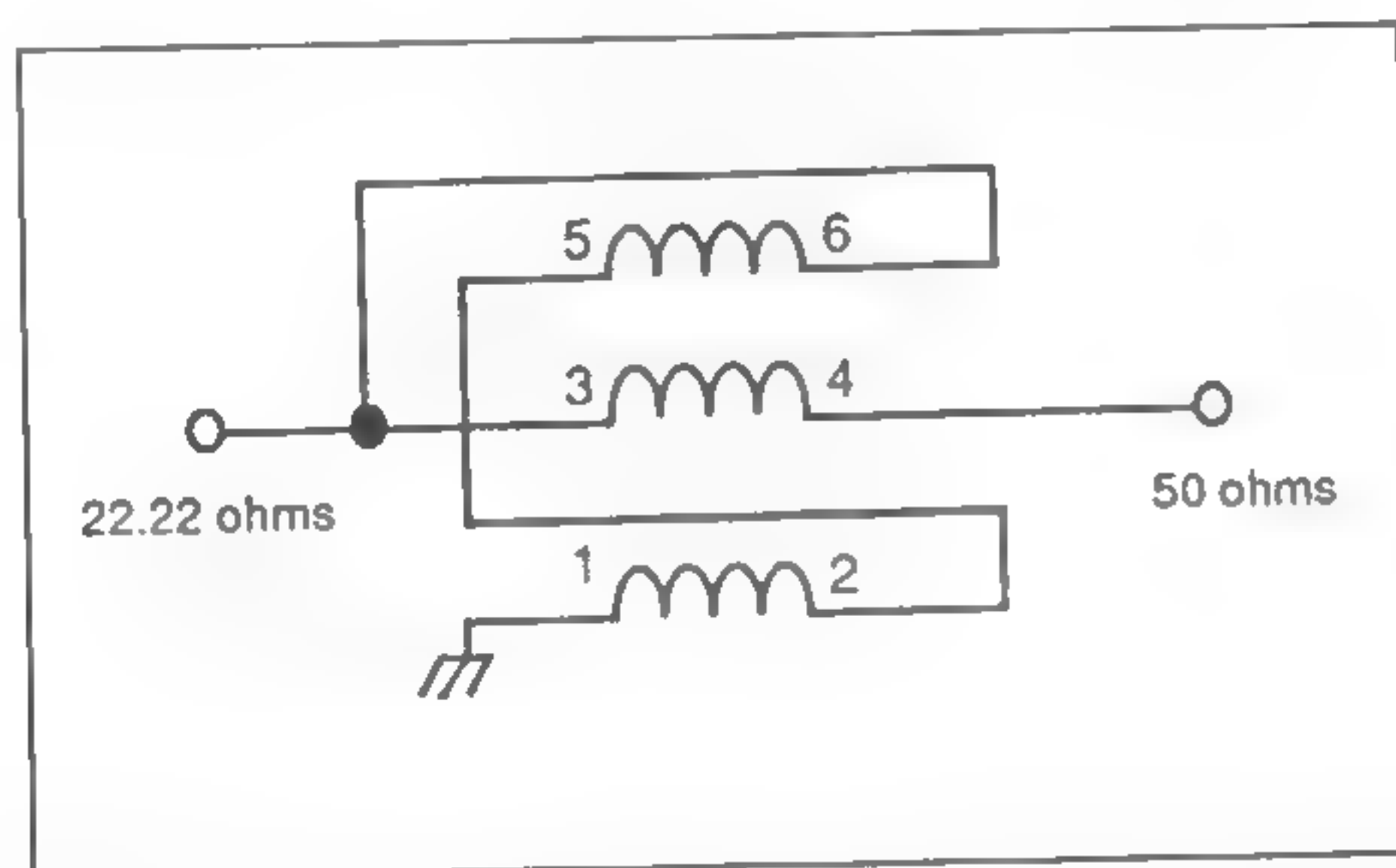


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 22.22 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

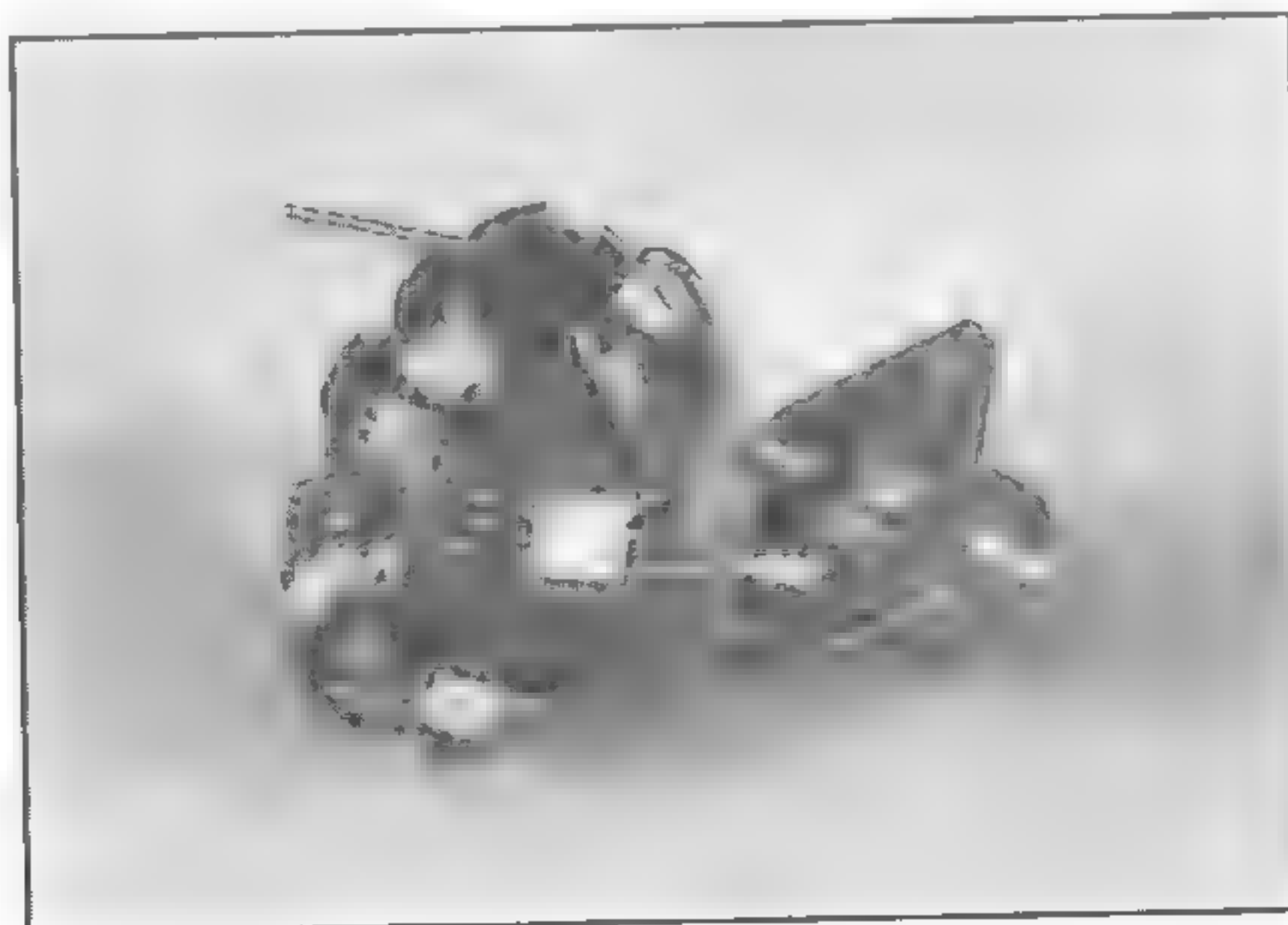


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-2.25:1-HU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2:1-HU50 is a high-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 25 ohms. It has a constant impedance transformation ratio of 2:1 from 1MHz to 30MHz. A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Six trifilar turns of NO. 14 H. Thermaleze SF wire are wound on an Amidon FT-150-K. The center winding in Figure 1 is tapped at 5 turns from terminal 3.

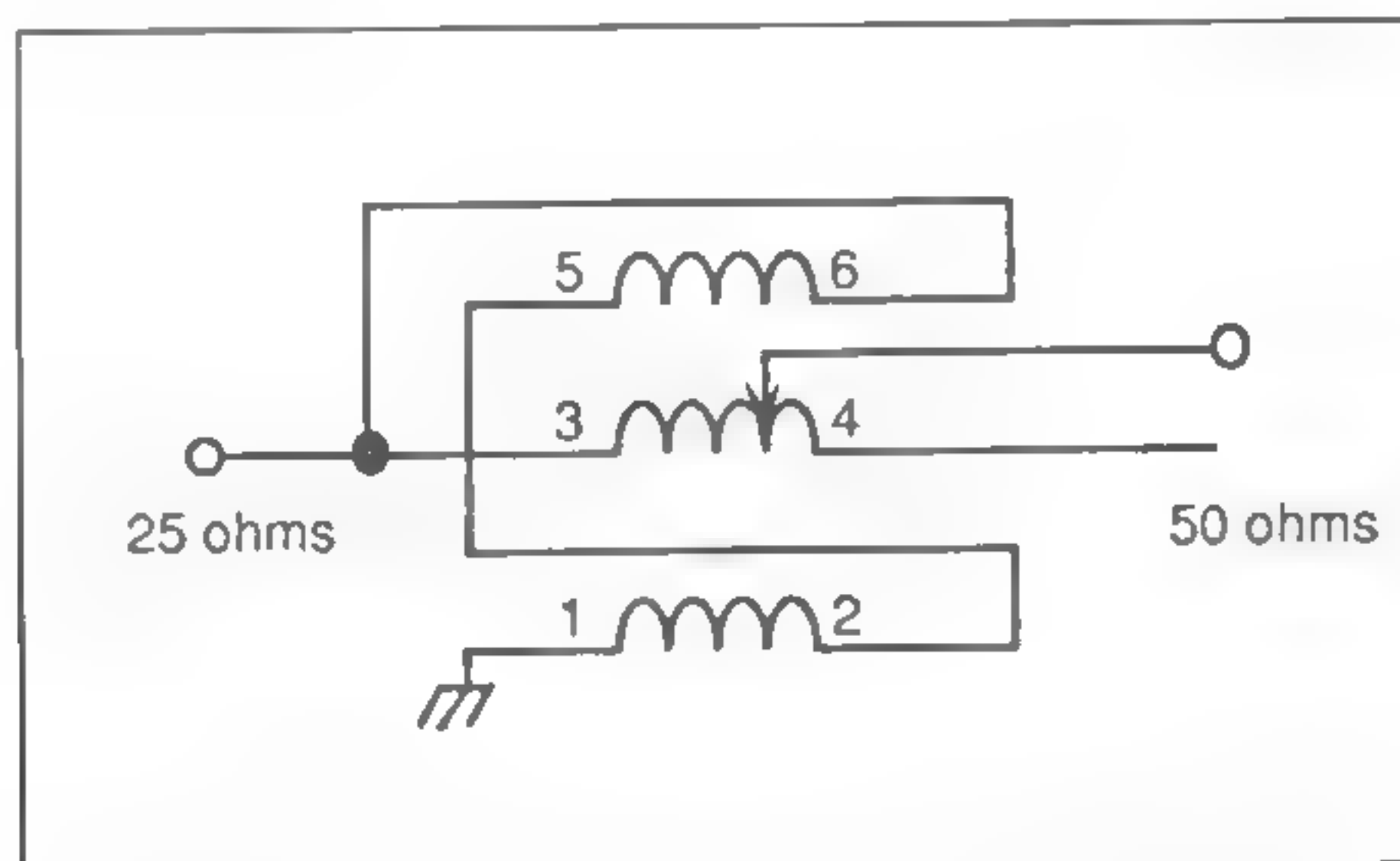


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 25 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

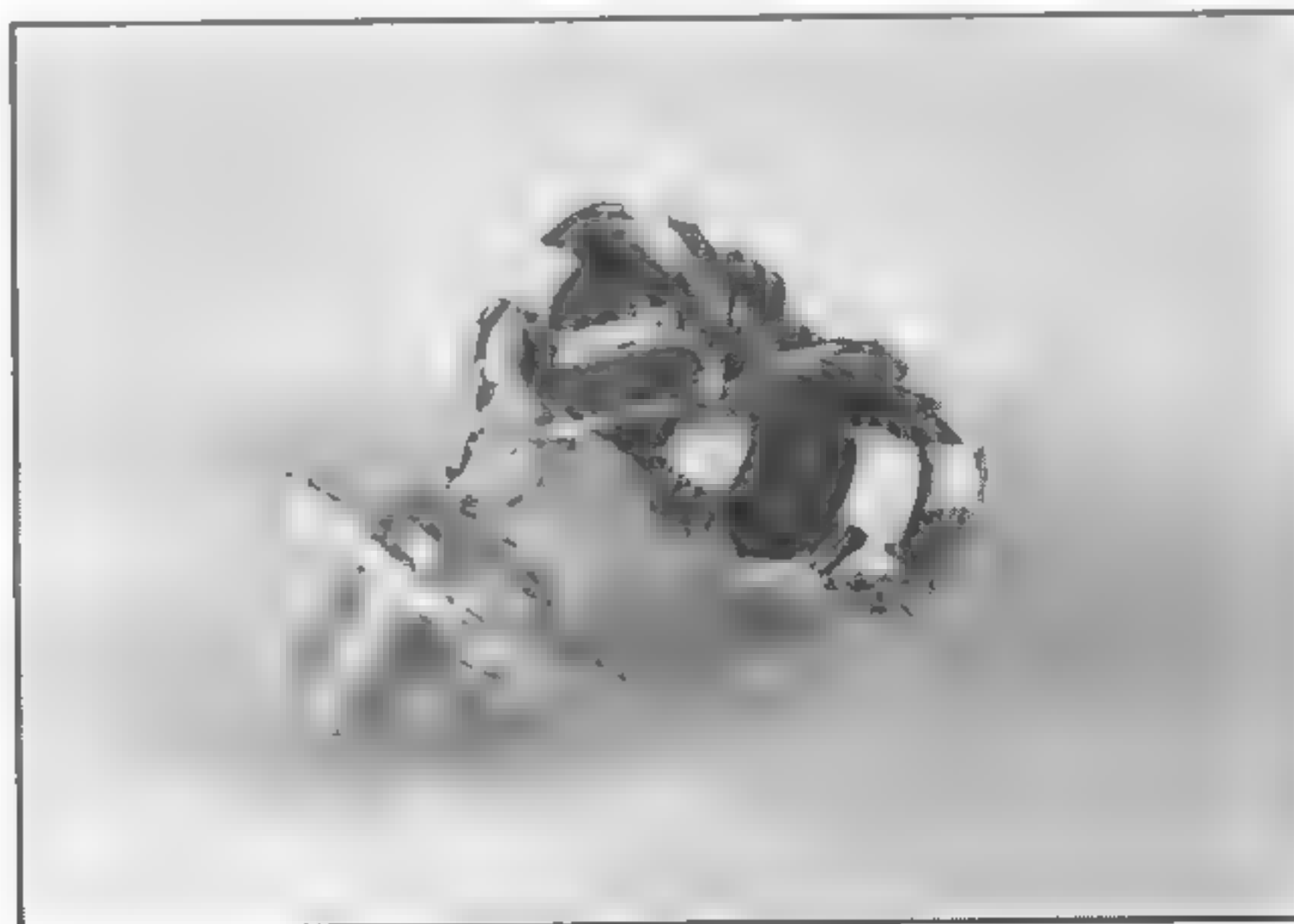


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-2:1-HU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1.78:1-HU50 is a high-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 28 ohms. This 1.78:1 ratio should satisfy many of the 2:1 requirements. This is especially true with antennas since their impedances vary with frequency. Only a small difference (from a 2:1 ratio) in the frequency of the best match-point (lowest VSWR) will be observed. Also, there should be very little difference in the values of the VSWRs. This very broadband transformer has a constant impedance transformation of 1.78:1 from 1MHz to 50MHz! It should find many applications. The power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Five quadrifilar turns are wound on an Amidon PN FT-150-K. Winding 5-6 is No. 14 H. Thermaleze. The other three are No. 16 H. Thermaleze.

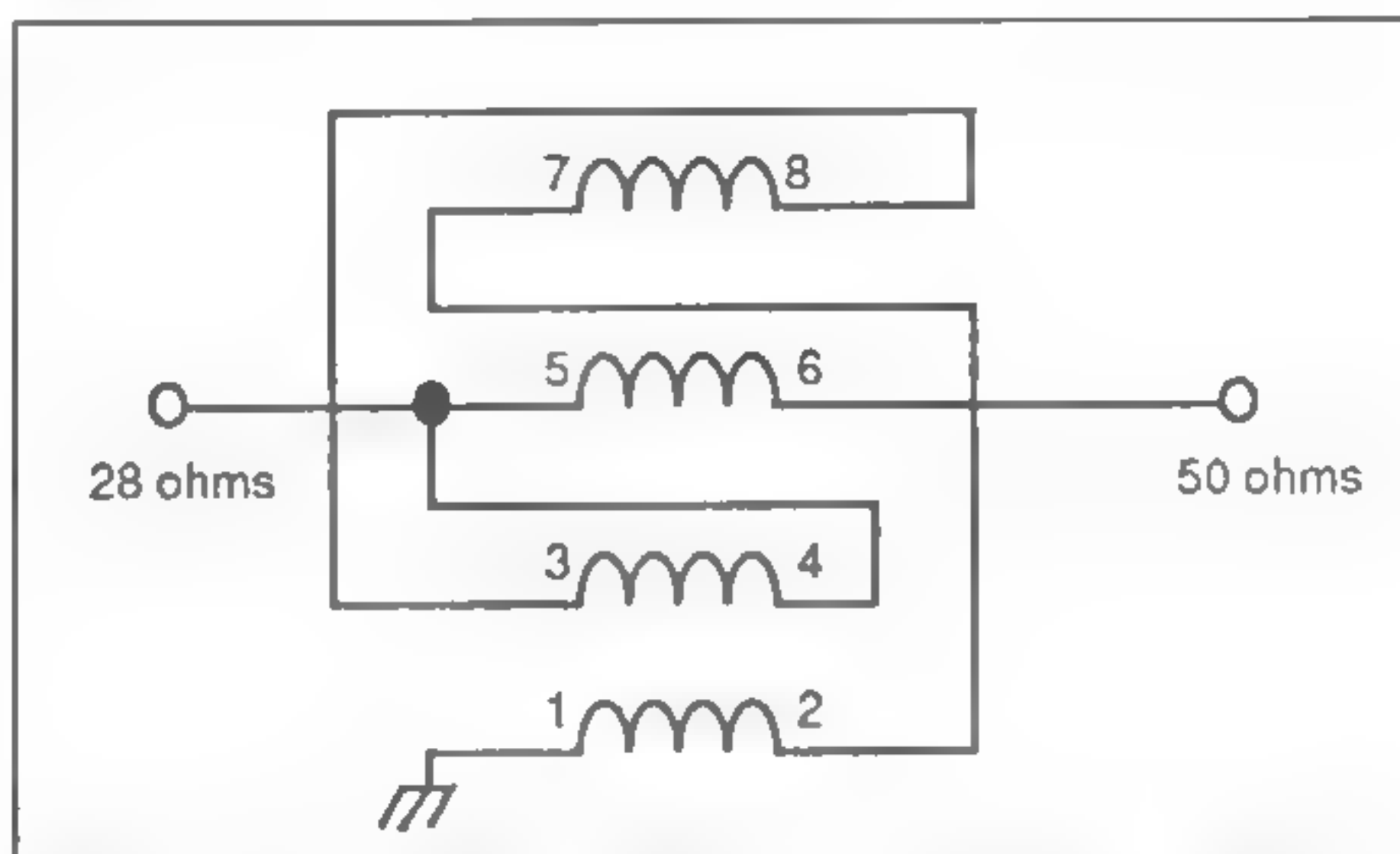


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the quadrifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 25 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

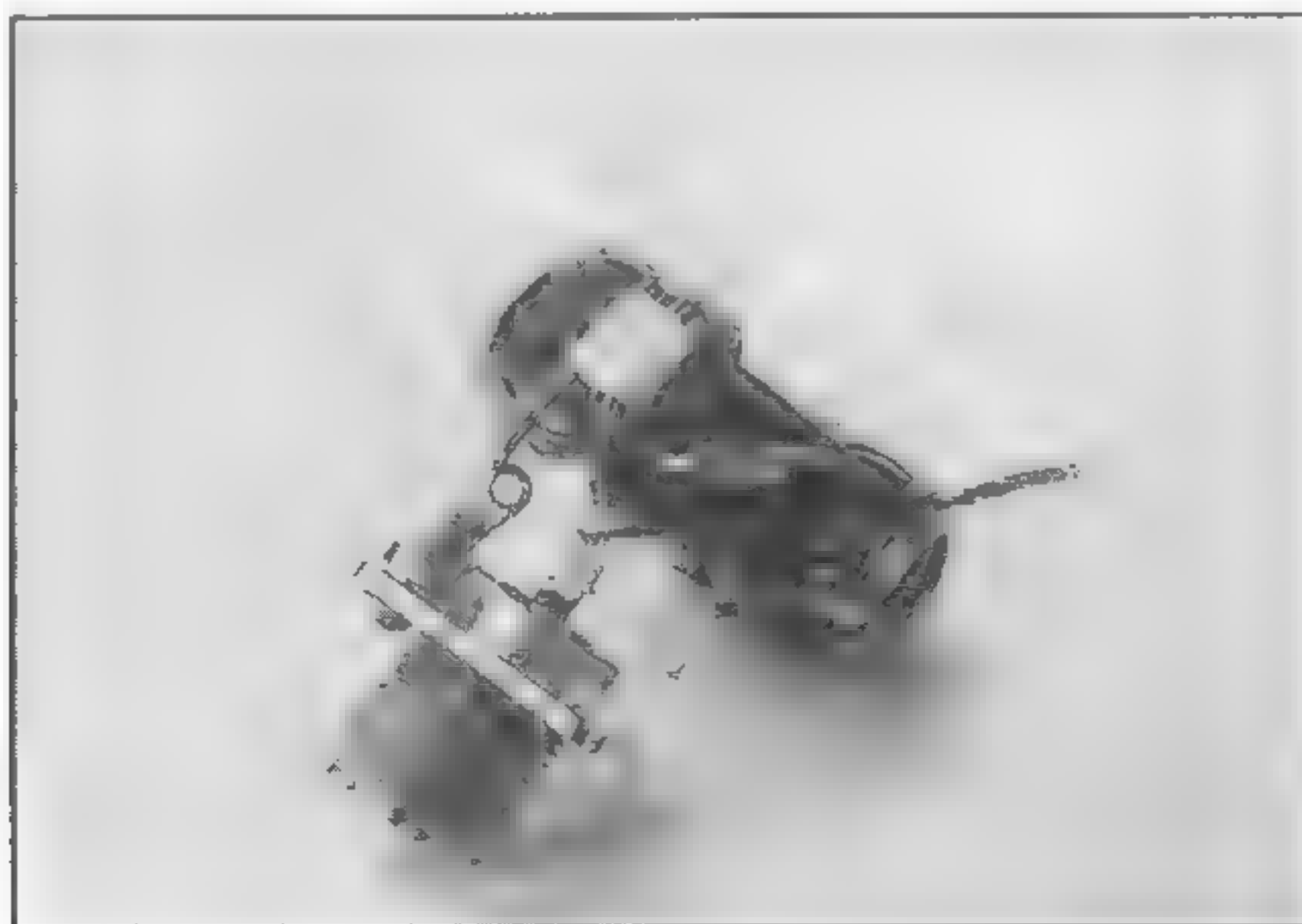


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1.78:1-HU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2:1-HDU50 is a high-power, dual-output unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 22.22 ohms or 25 ohms. In matching 50 ohms to 22.22 ohms, the impedance transformation ratio is constant from 1MHz to 40MHz. In matching 50 ohms to 25 ohms, it is constant from 1MHz to 30MHz. A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Six trifilar turns of NO. 14 H. Thermaleze wire are wound on an Amidon PN FT-150-K. The center winding in Figure 1 is tapped at 5 turns from terminal 3 yielding the 2:1 ratio (connection A). With connection B, the ratio is 2.25:1.

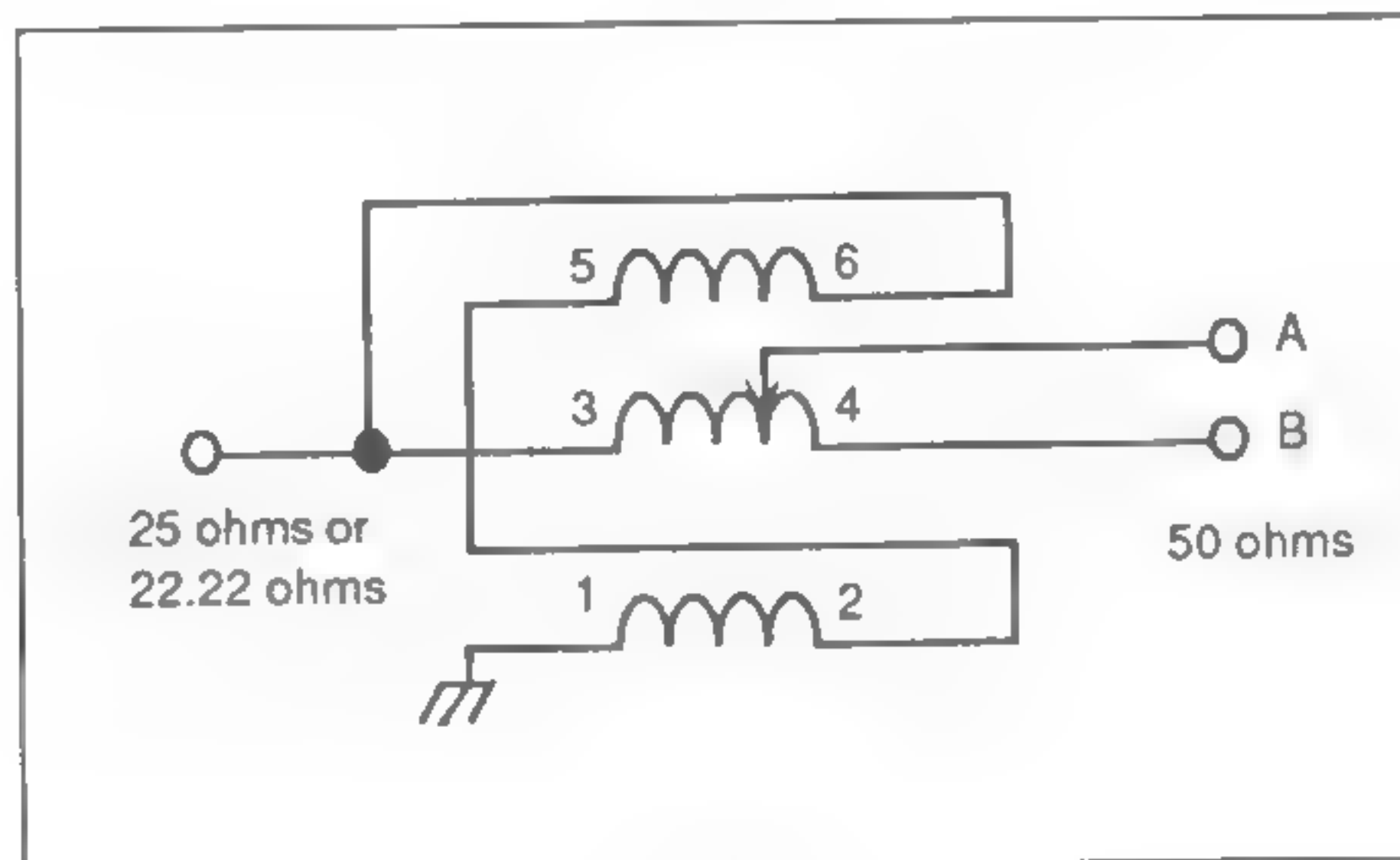


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar dual-output UNUN transformer. A connection of 50 ohms to A yields a 2:1 ratio. A connection to B yields a 2.25:1 ratio.

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

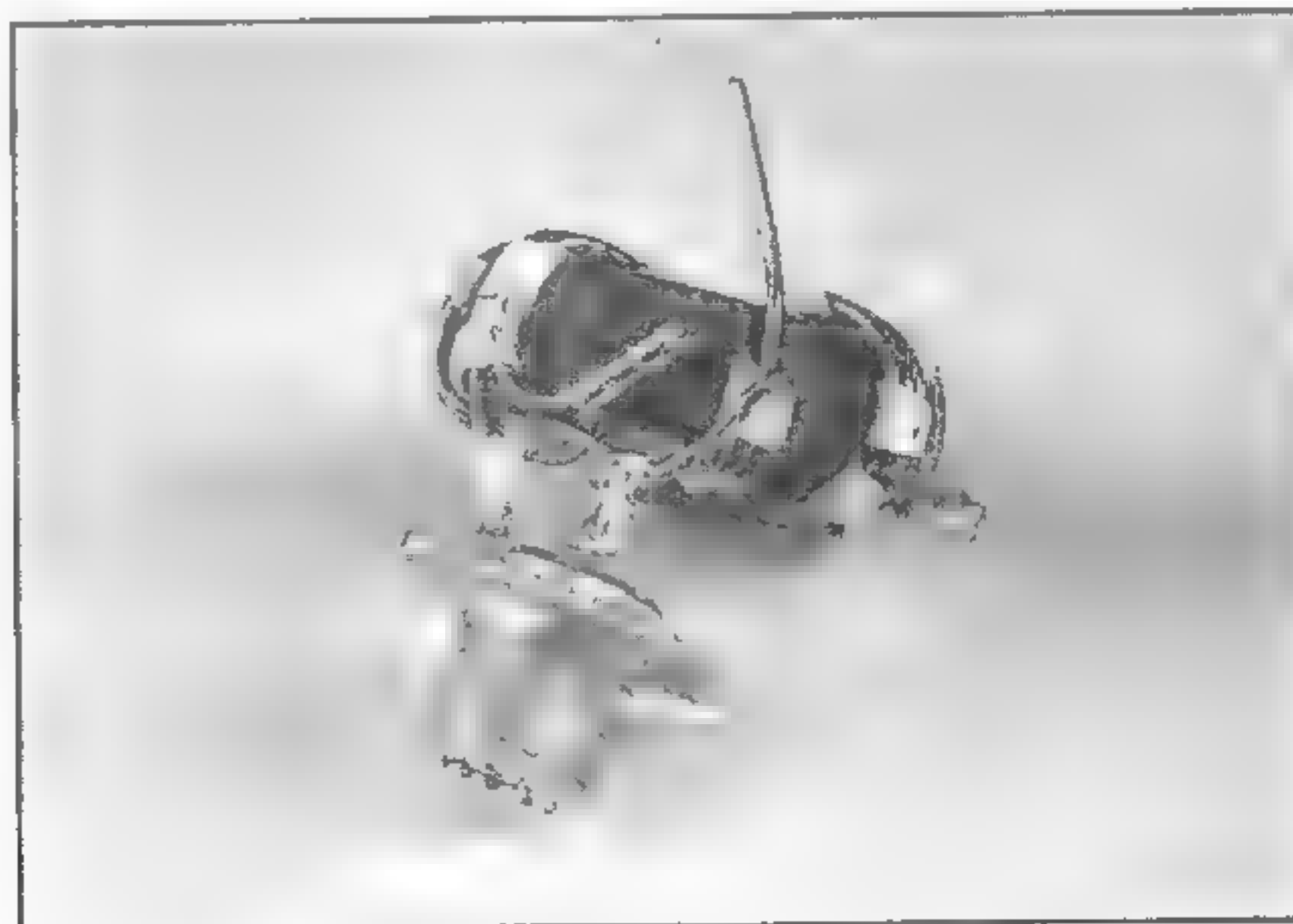


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband dual-output W2FMI-2:1-HDU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2.25:1-HU112.5 is a high-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transformer designed to match 112.5 ohms to 50 ohms. It has a constant impedance transformation ratio of 2.25:1 from 1MHz to 40MHz. A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Seven trifilar turns are wound on an Amidon PN FT-150-K. The top winding in Figure 1 is No. 14 H. Thermaleze wire. It also has two layers of Scotch No. 92 tape. The other two windings are No. 16 H. Thermaleze wire. The thick coatings (1.6 mils) of H. Thermaleze wire, as well as the two layers of Scotch No. 92 tape on the top winding in Figure 1, are needed for optimizing the characteristic impedance of the windings. This transformer also has a very high-voltage capability.

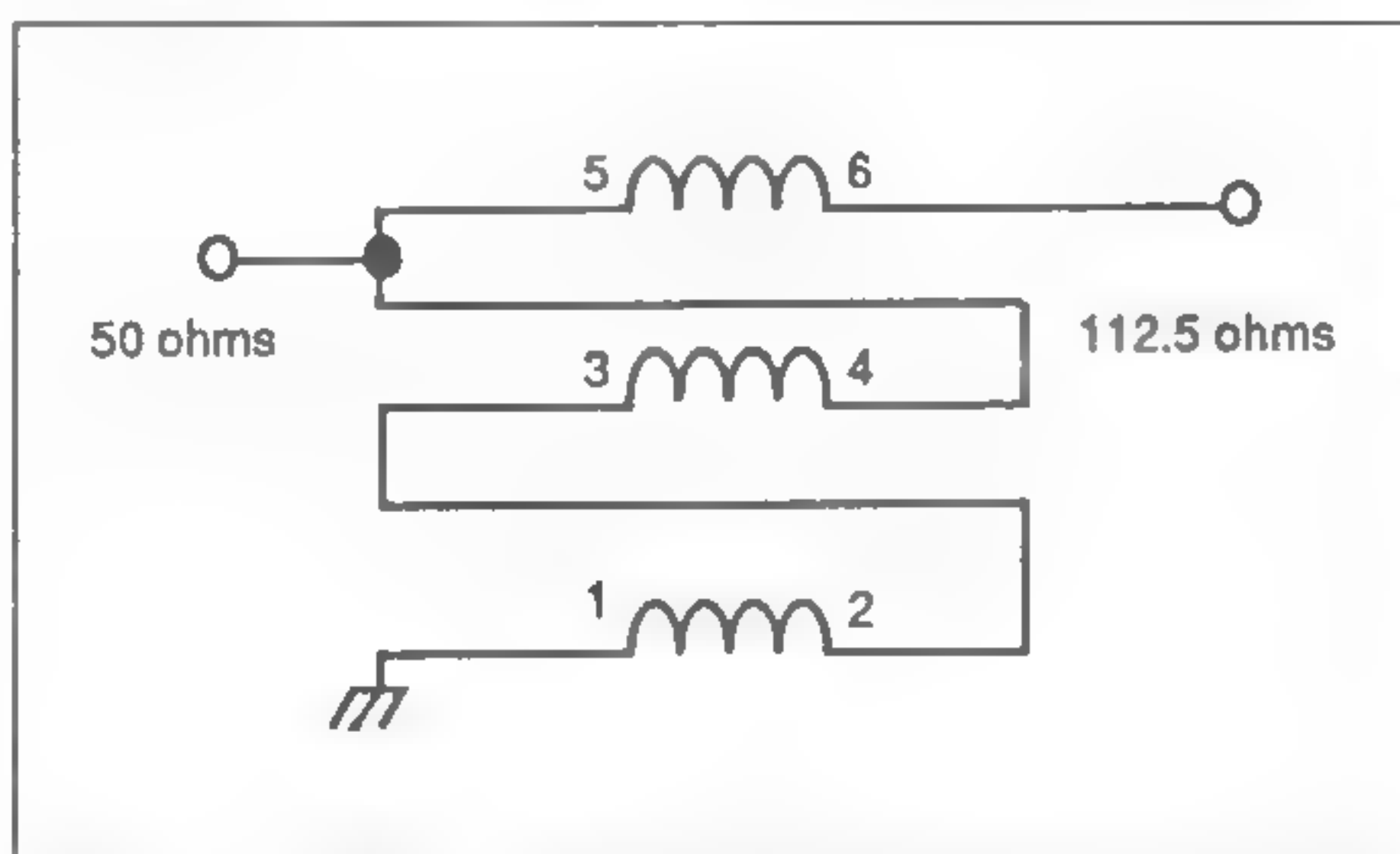


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 112.5 ohms to 50 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

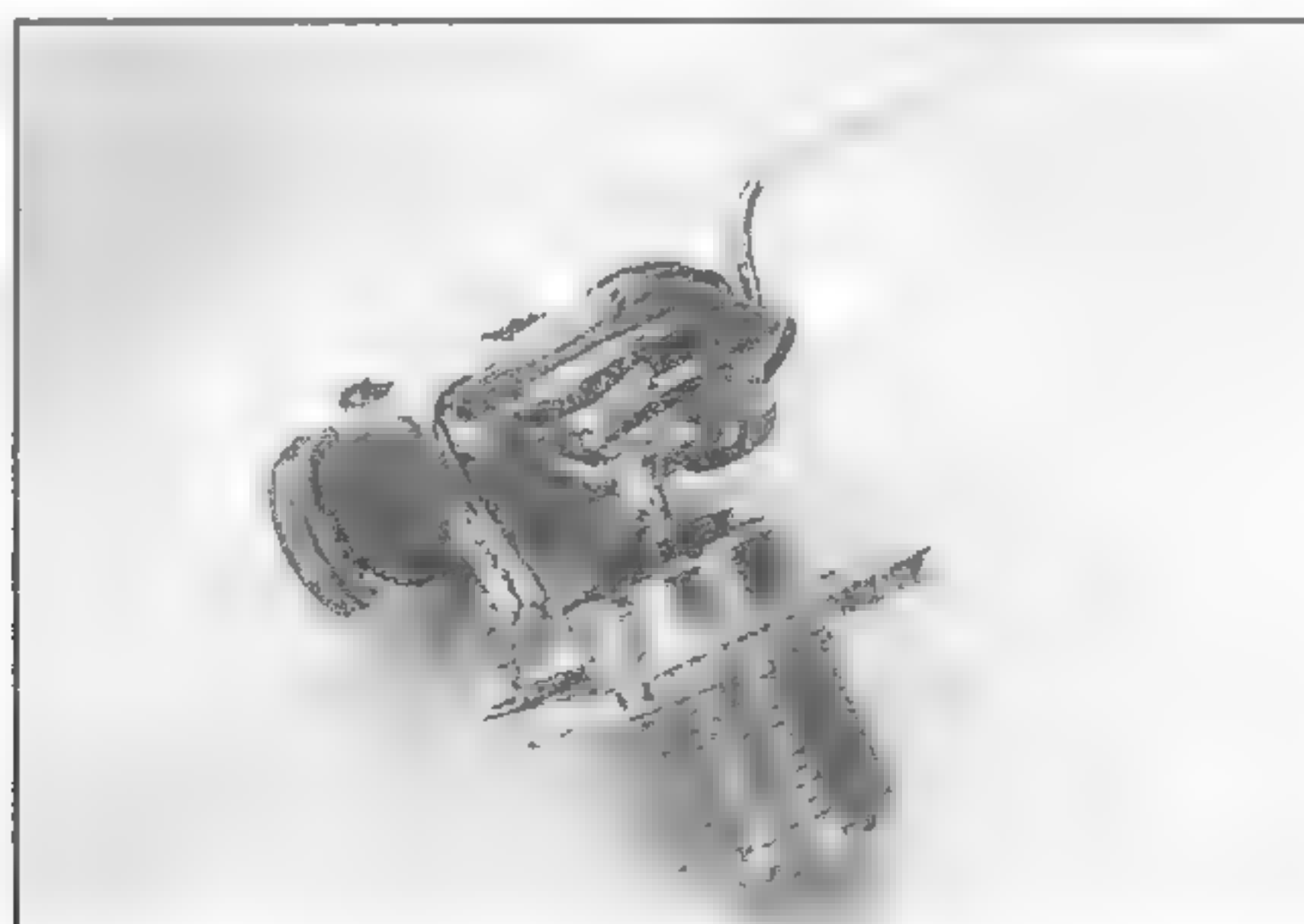


Figure 2 - Bottom view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-2.25:1-HU112.5 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2:1-HU100 is a high-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transformer designed to match 100 ohms to 50 ohms. It has a constant impedance transformation ratio of 2:1 from 1MHz to 30MHz. A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Seven trifilar turns are wound on an Amidon PN FT-150-K. The top winding in Figure 1 is No. 14 H. Thermaleze wire and it has two layers of Scotch No. 92 tape. It is also tapped at 6 turns from terminal 5 (in Figure 1) yielding the 2:1 ratio. The other two windings are No. 16 H. Thermaleze wire. The thick coatings (1.6 mils) of H. Thermaleze wire, as well as the two layers of Scotch No. 92 tape on the top winding are needed for optimizing the characteristic impedance of the windings. This transformer also has a very high-voltage capability.

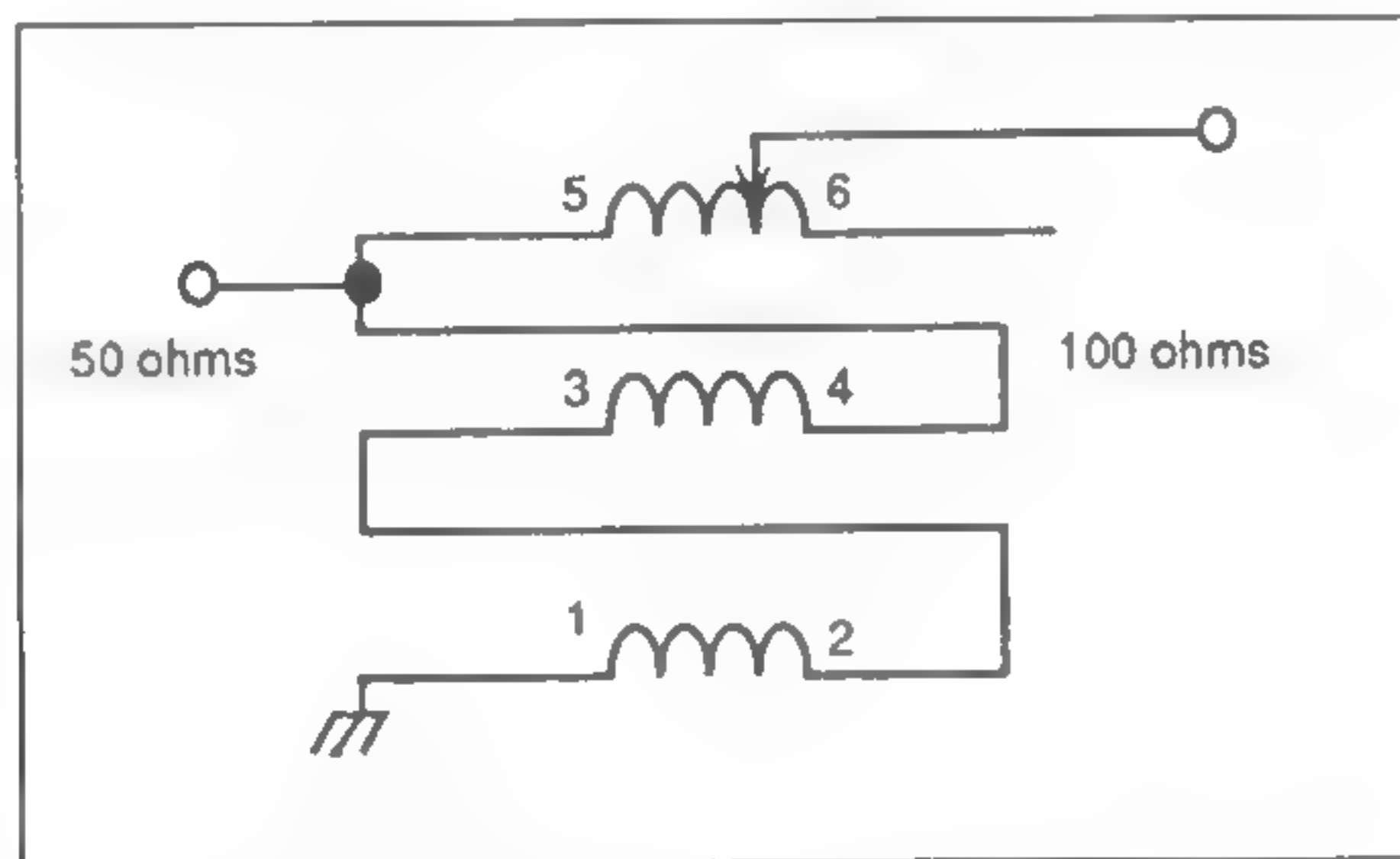


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 100 ohms to 50 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

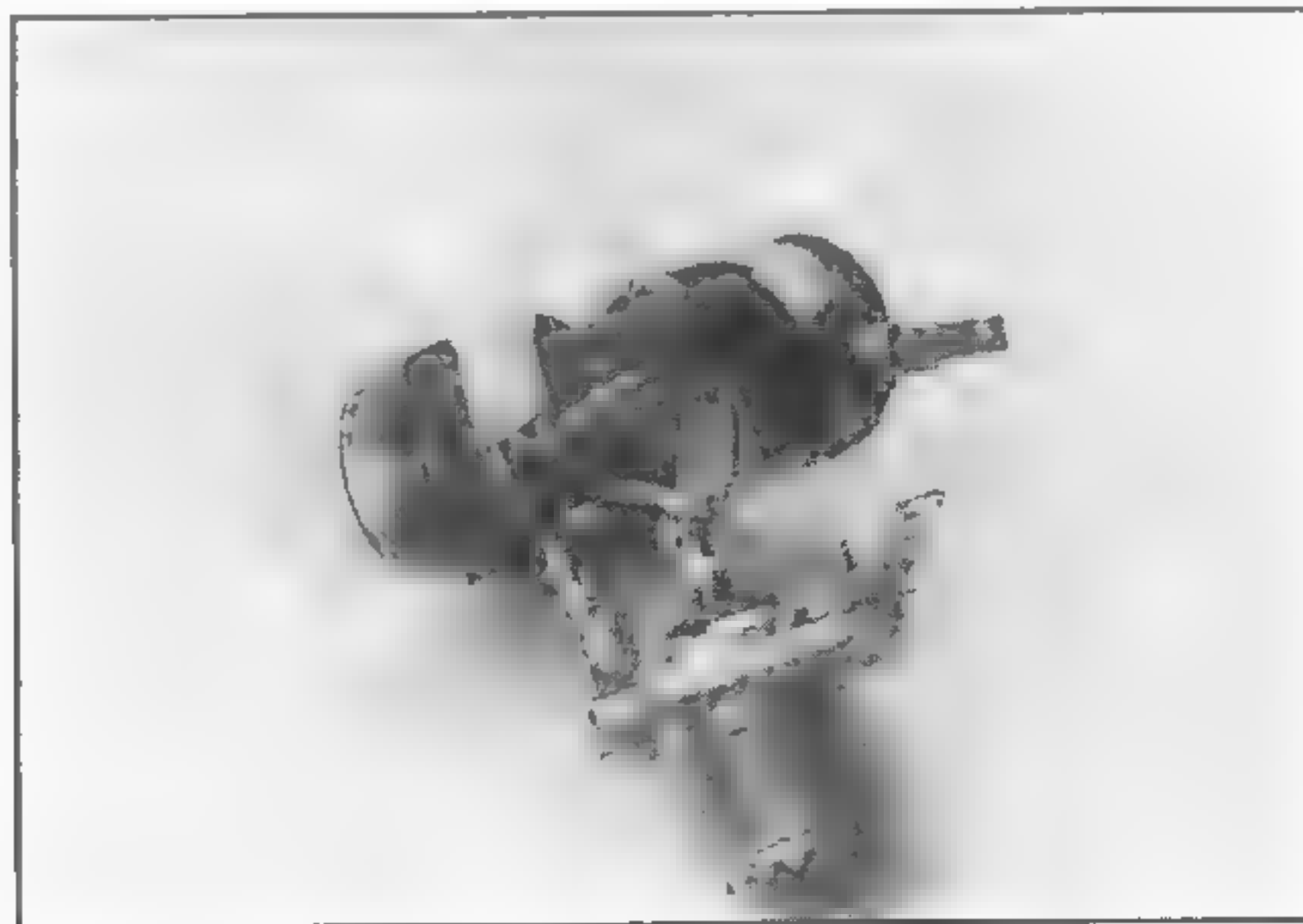


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-2:1-HU100 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2:1-HDU100 is a high-power, dual-output unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 112.5 ohms to 50 ohms or 100 ohms to 50 ohms. In matching 112.5 ohms to 50 ohms, the impedance transformation ratio (of 2.25:1) is constant from 1MHz to 40MHz. In matching 100 ohms to 50 ohms, it is constant from 1 MHz to 30MHz. The power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Seven trifilar turns are wound on an Amidon PN FT-150-K. The top winding in Figure 1 is No. 14 Formvar SF wire and it has two layers of Scotch No. 92 tape. It is also tapped at 6 turns from terminal 5 yielding the 2:1 ratio (connection A). With connection B, the impedance ratio is 2.25:1. The other two windings in Figure 1 are No. 16 Formvar SF wire. The thick coatings of H. Thermaleze wire, as well as the two layers of Scotch No. 92 tape on the top winding are needed for optimizing the characteristic impedance of the windings. This transformer also has a very high-voltage breakdown.

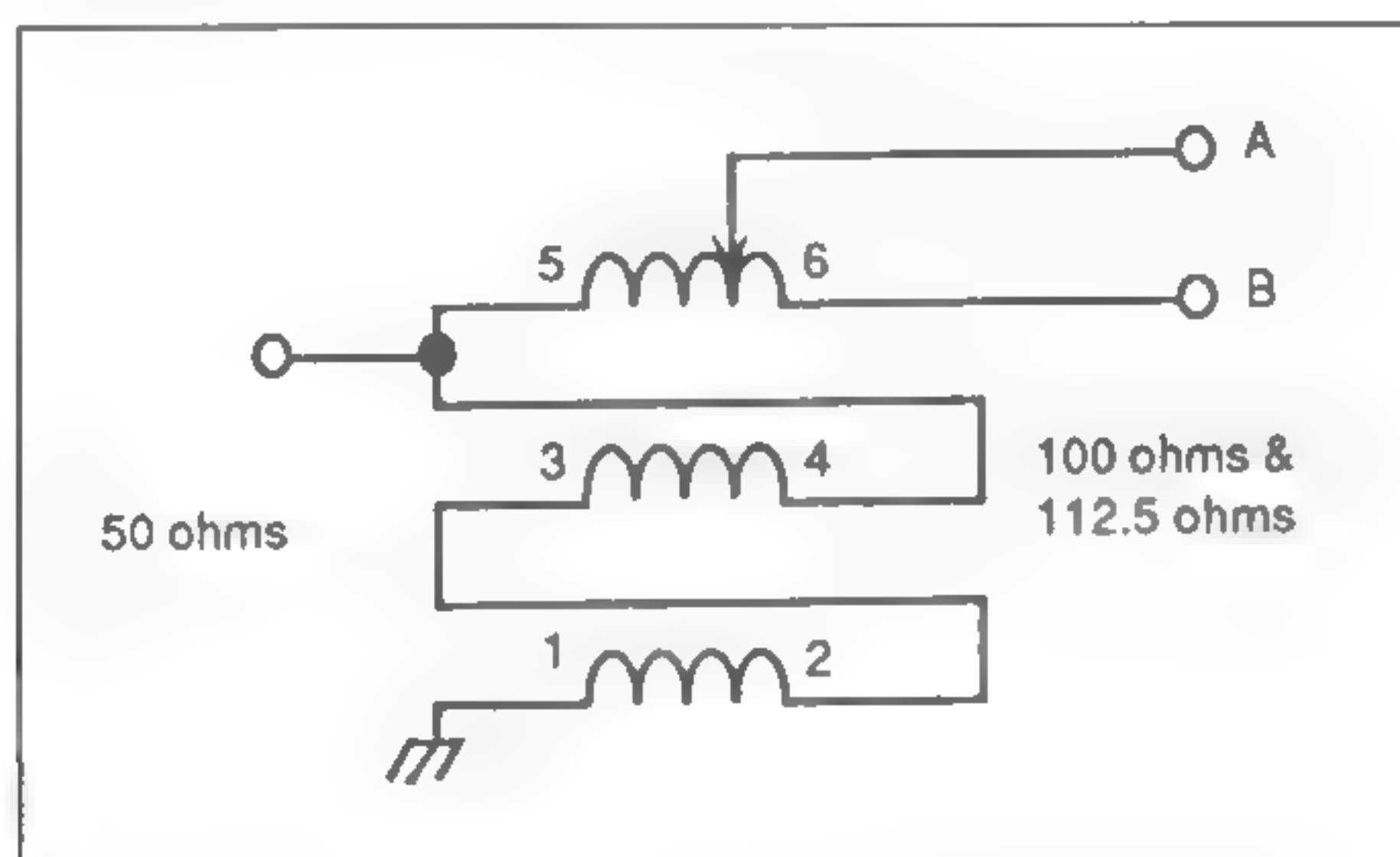


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar dual-output UNUN transformer designed to match 112.5 ohms or 100 ohms to 50 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

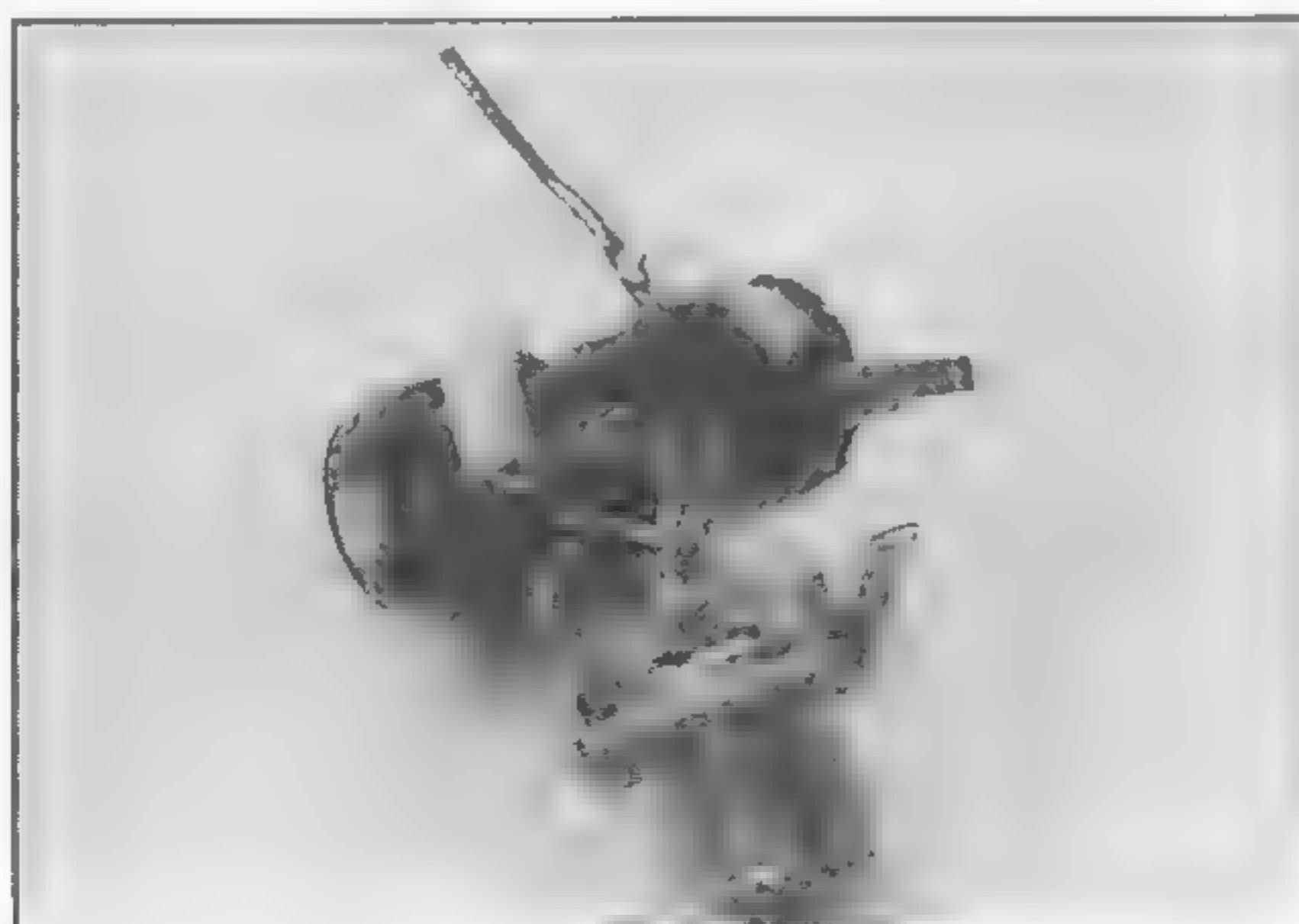


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-2:1-HDU100 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-4:1-HRU50 is a high-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms. It uses a tight bifilar winding on a rod core resulting in a characteristic impedance of 25 ohms (which is optimum). This cannot be accomplished on a toroid! The impedance transformation ratio of 4:1 is constant from 1.5MHz to 40MHz. The power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. It is the Ruthroff 4:1 unun which uses a single transmission line in the "boot-strap" configuration. There are 12 bifilar turns of No. 14 Formvar SF wire on an Amidon PN R61-050-400.

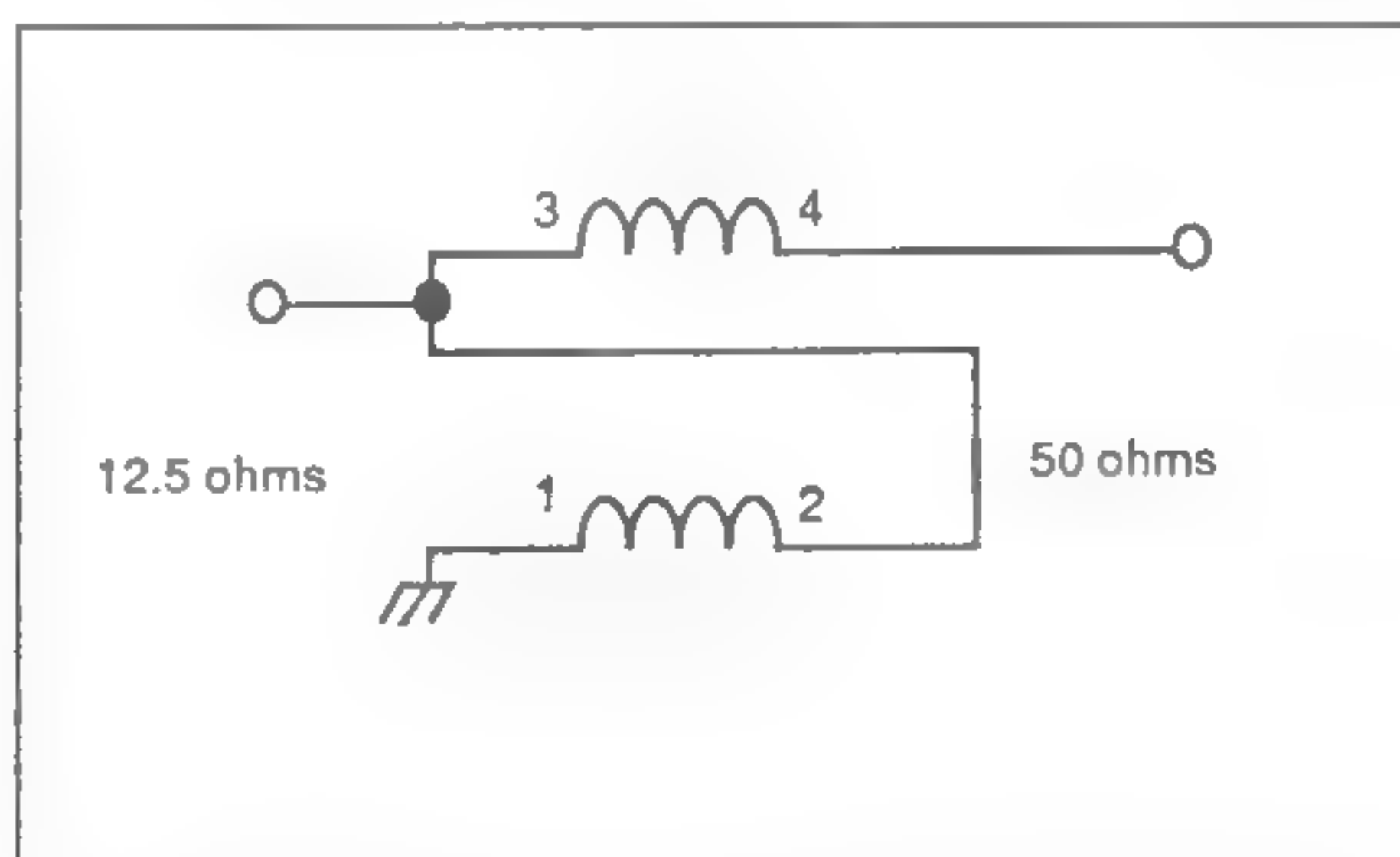


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Ruthroff 4:1 UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

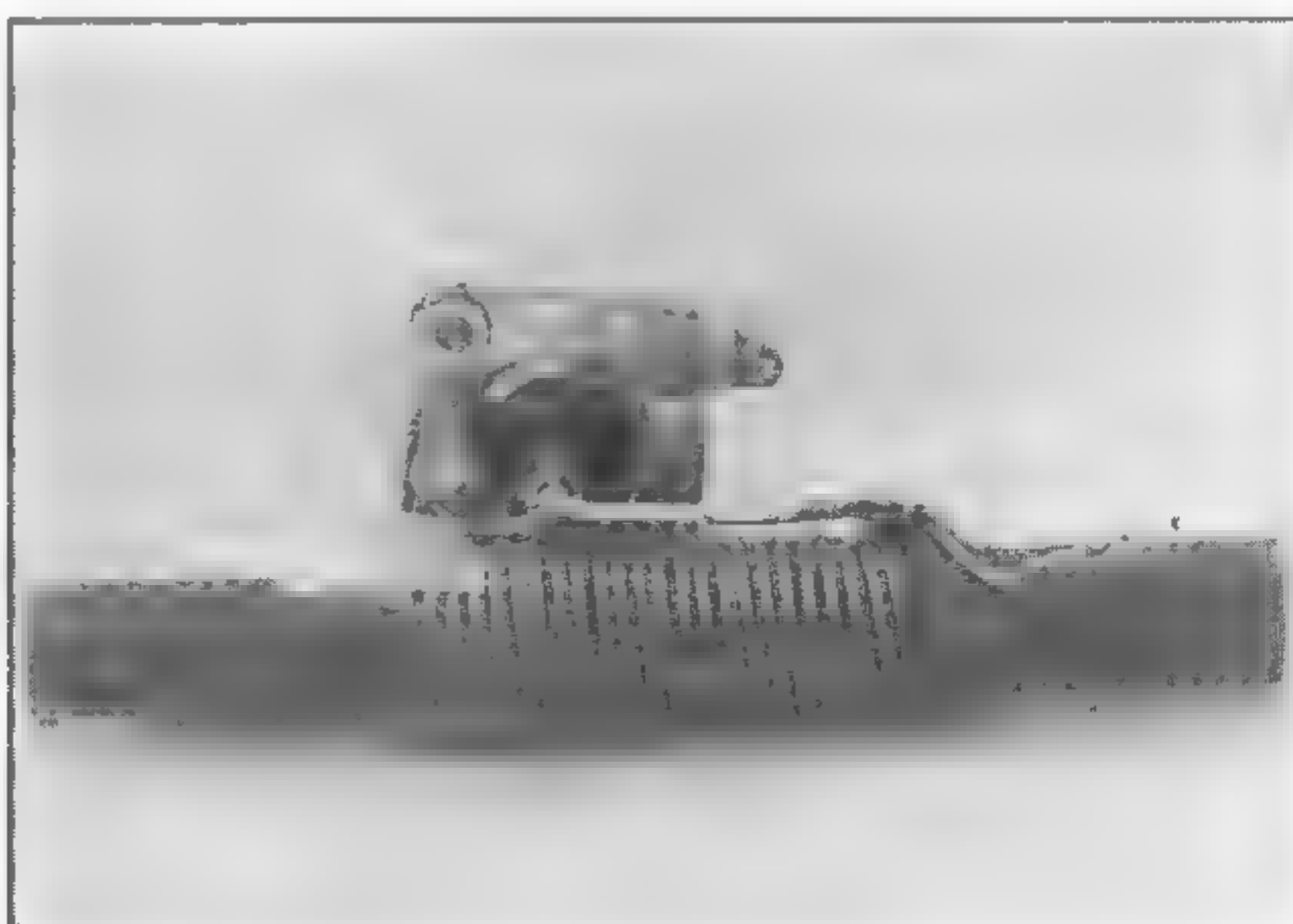


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-4:1-HRU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-4:1-HCU50 is a very high-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms. It is capable of high power levels because it uses low-impedance coaxial cable instead of wire-bifilar windings. Thus the currents are distributed more evenly about the conductors. It also has a higher frequency capability than its wire-bifilar counterpart because of less parasitic capacitance between turns. In matching 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms, this transformer has a constant impedance transformation ratio of 4:1 from 1MHz to 40MHz. Notably, the power rating is 5KW of continuous power and 10KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient, broadband and powerful transmission line transformer. There are six turns of low-impedance coaxial cable on an Amidon PN FT-150-K. The inner conductor is No. 14 H. Imideze wire and has six layers of Scotch No. 92 tape. The outer conductor, from RG122/U cable, is tightly wrapped with Scotch No. 92 tape. The characteristic impedance is 22 ohms. Experimentally, this is found to be the optimized characteristic impedance for low-impedance coaxial cable operating at this impedance level.

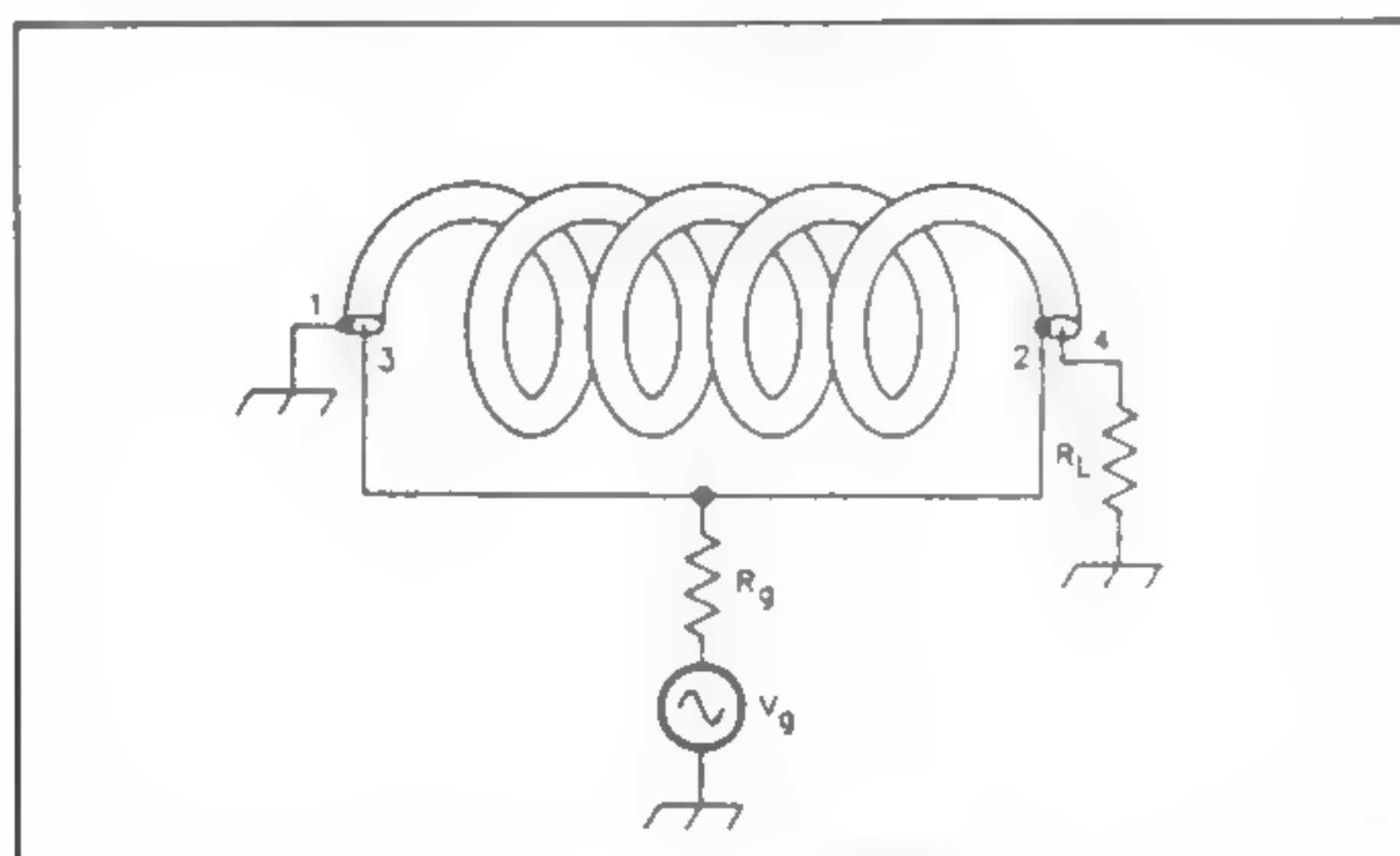


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the coaxial cable version of the Ruthroff 4:1 UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

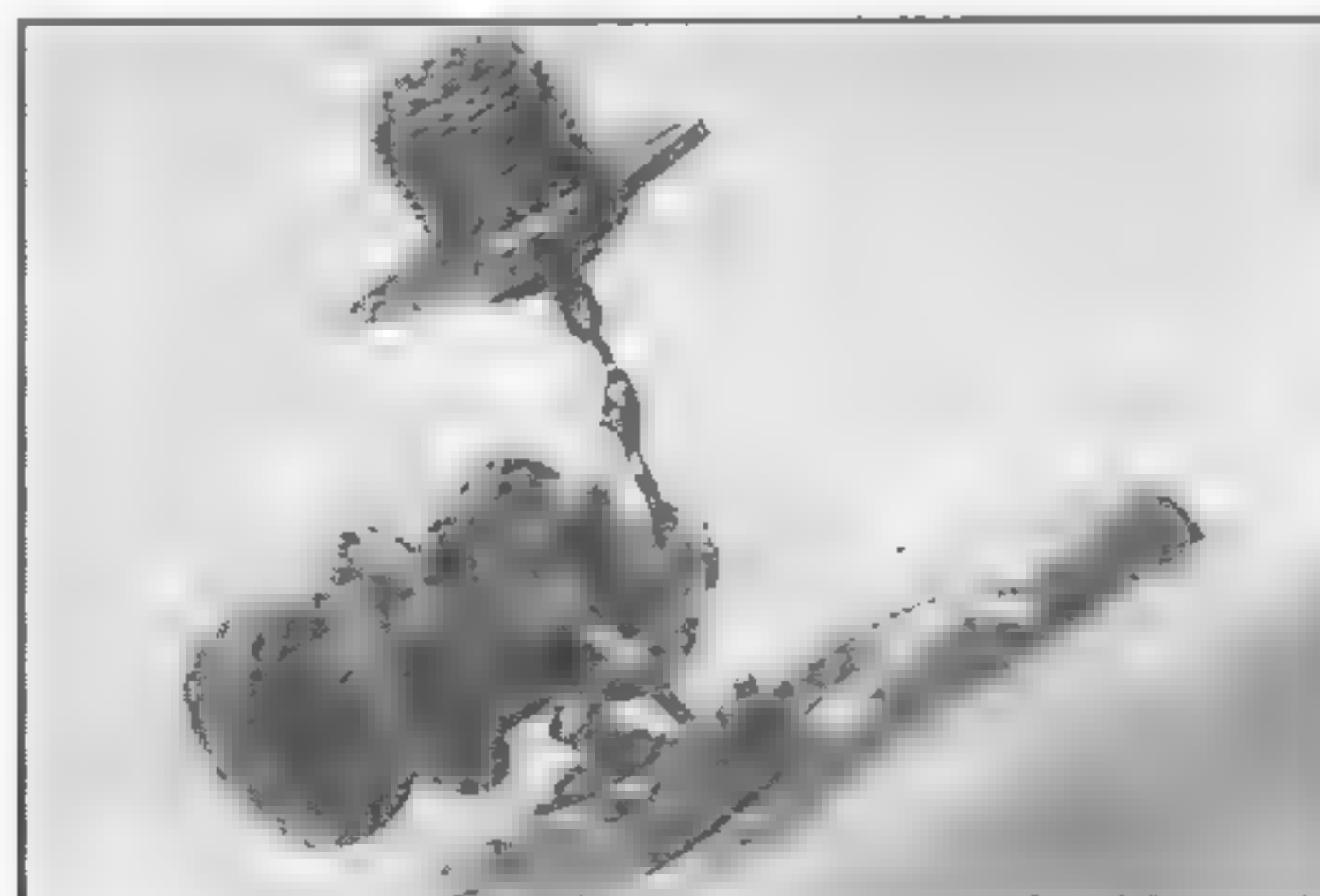


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient, powerful and broadband W2FMI-4.1-HCU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-9:1-HRU50 is a high-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 5.56 ohms. It uses a rod core and a transposed winding resulting in broadband operation at the 50:5.56-ohm impedance level. At this level, the impedance transformation ratio is constant from 1MHz to 30MHz. The power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Seven trifilar turns are tightly wound on an Amidon PN R61-050-400 ferrite rod. The center winding in Figure 1 is No. 12 Formvar wire. The other two are No. 14 Formvar SF wire.

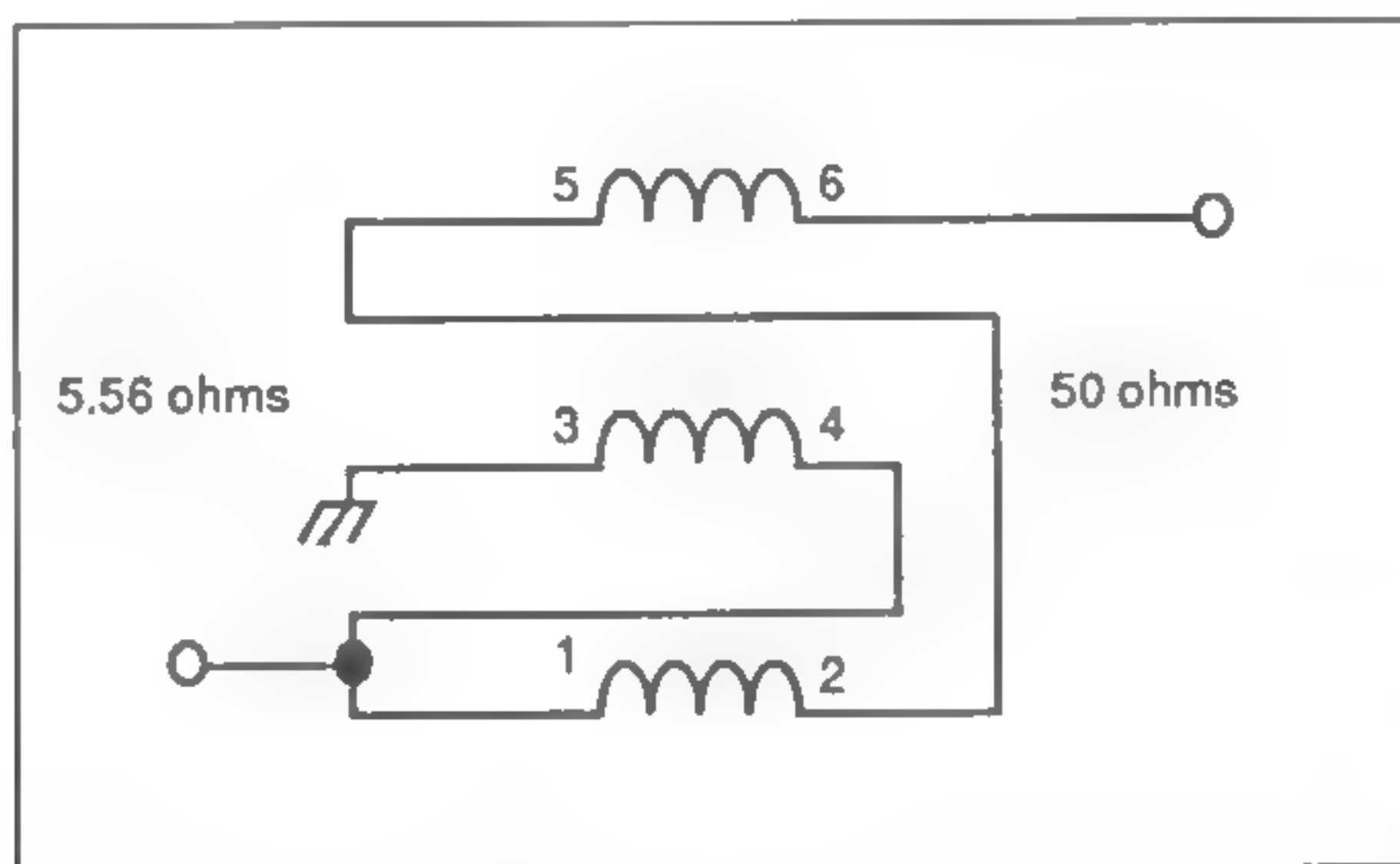


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 5.56 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

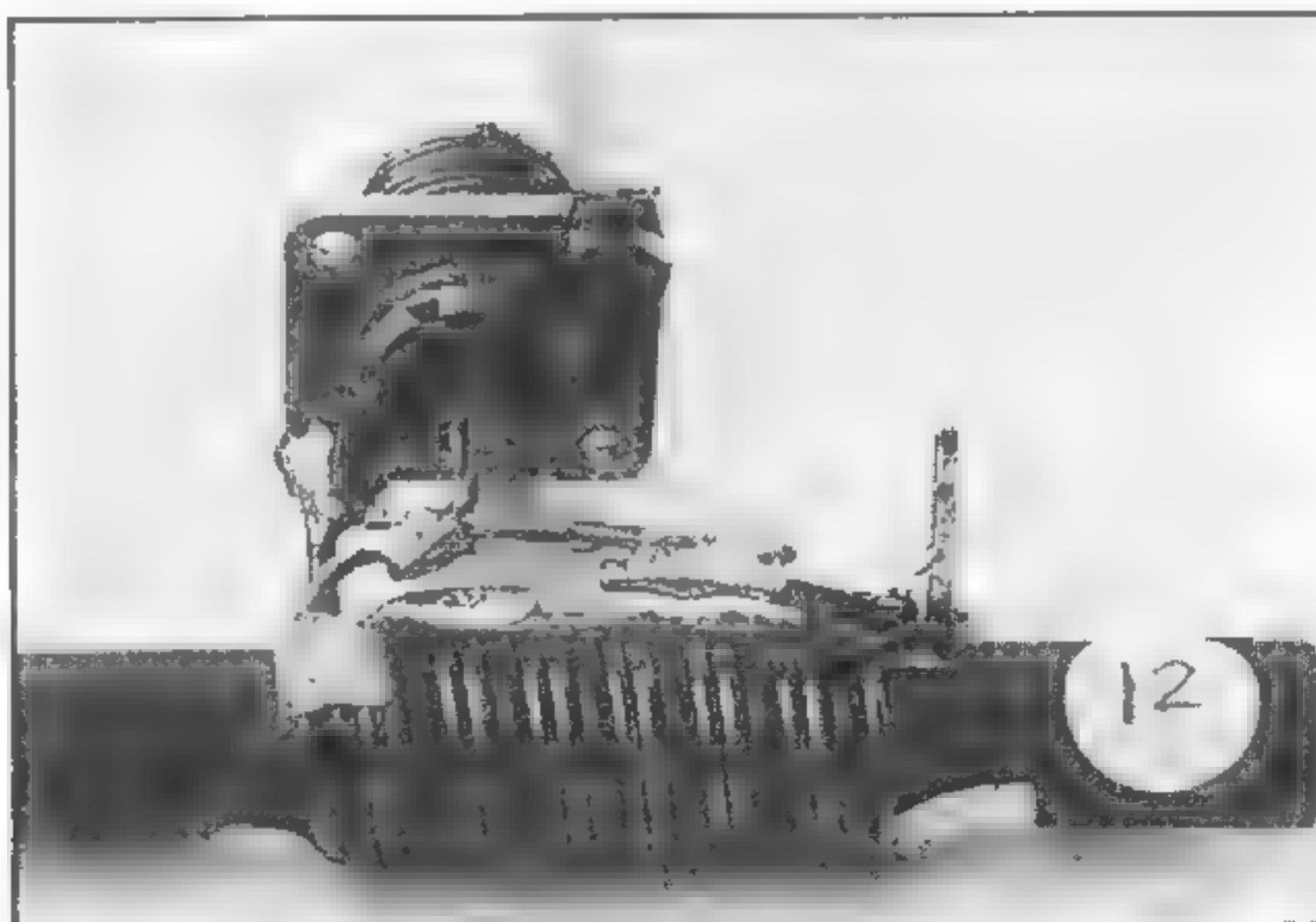


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-9:1-HRU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-9:1-HUH50 is a very high-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 5.56 ohms. It uses a toroidal core and hence requires only a few turns to satisfy the low-frequency limit. This in turn increases its power-handling capability. This transformer has a constant impedance transformation ratio from 1MHz to 30MHz. The power rating is 2KW of continuous power and 4KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of the high power, efficient and broadband transformer. There are four trifilar turns wound on an Amidon PN FT-150-K. The windings are in the "transposed" configuration which allows for better low-impedance-level operation. The center winding in Figure 1 is No. 12 Formvar. The other two are No. 14 Formvar SF wire.

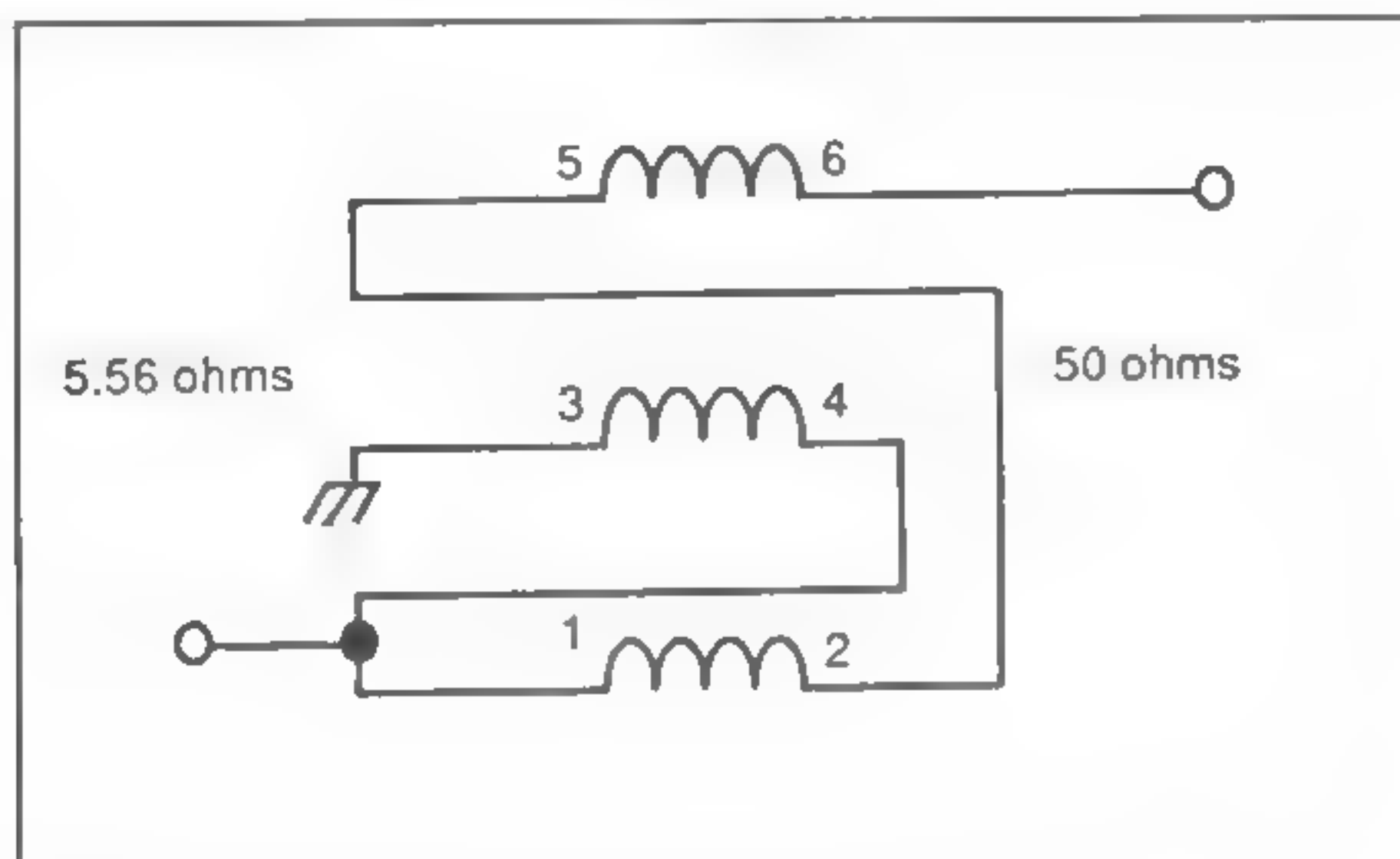


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 5.56 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.



Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-9:1-HUH50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-HMMU50 is a high-power, multimatch unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to five lower impedances ranging from 34.72 ohms down to 5.56 ohms. Specifically, the ratios and bandwidths (where the impedance ratio is constant) are:

- | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| a) 9 : 1 (50:5.56-ohms) | 1MHz to 30MHz | d) 2.25: 1 (50:22.22-ohms) | 1MHz to 25MHz |
| b) 5.76 : 1 (50:8.68-ohms) | 1MHz to 15MHz | e) 1.44: 1 (50:34.72-ohms) | 1.7MHz to 20MHz |
| c) 4 : 1 (50:12.5-ohms) | 1MHz to 20MHz | | |

This transformer also performs as well when matching 75 ohms to the appropriate six lower impedances. The power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. There are five trifilar turns on an Amidon PN FT-150-K. The center winding in Figure 1 is No. 12 Formvar wire. The other two turns are No. 14 Formvar wire. The top winding is tapped at two turns from terminal 5. The connections to the five ratios are:

W2FMI-HMMU50

- A - L; 9:1
- B - L; 5.76:1
- C - L; 4:1
- A - H; 2.25:1
- B - H; 1.44:1

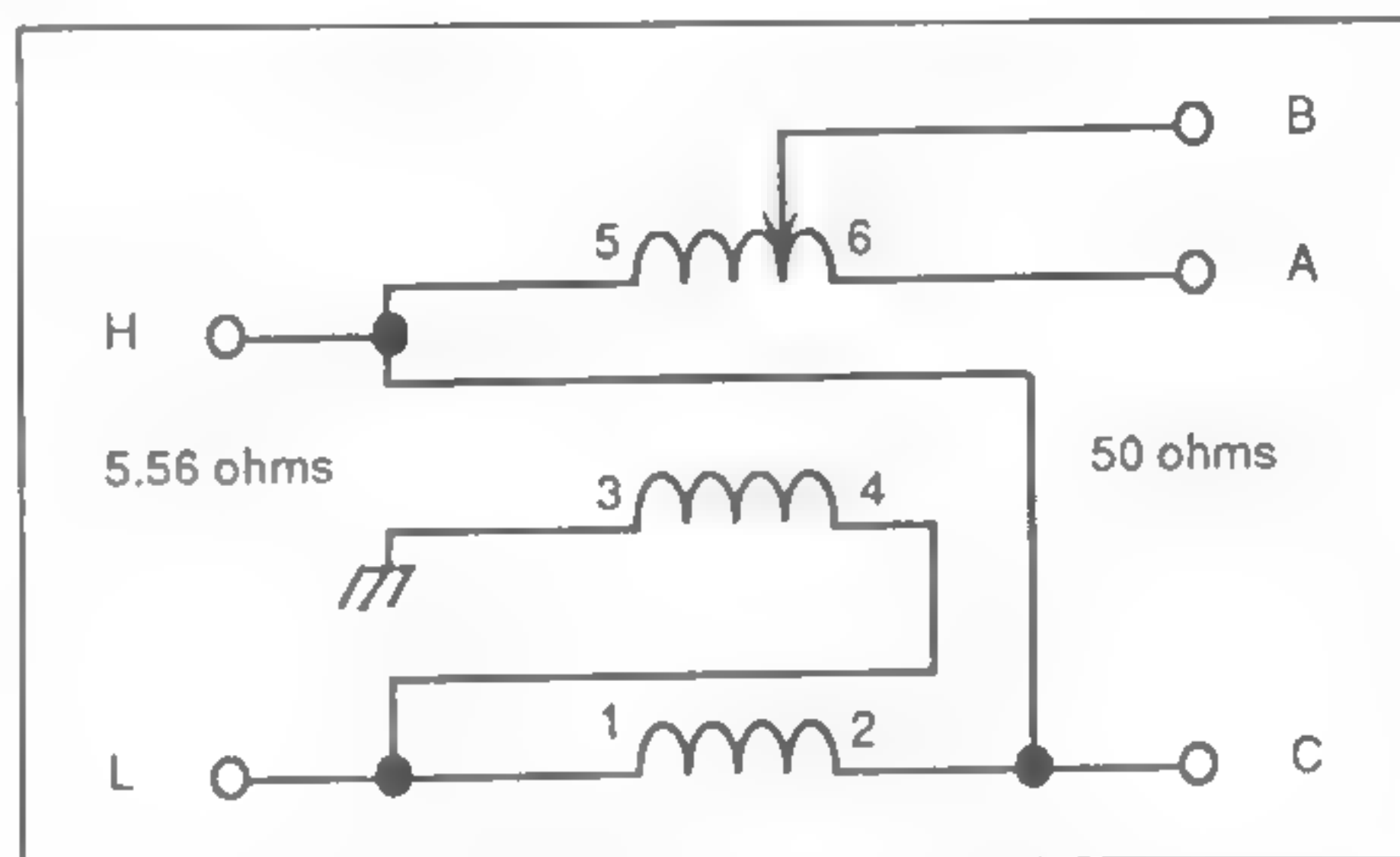


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar multi-match transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 6 lower impedances

C) Photograph

A view of the transformer (with cover removed) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

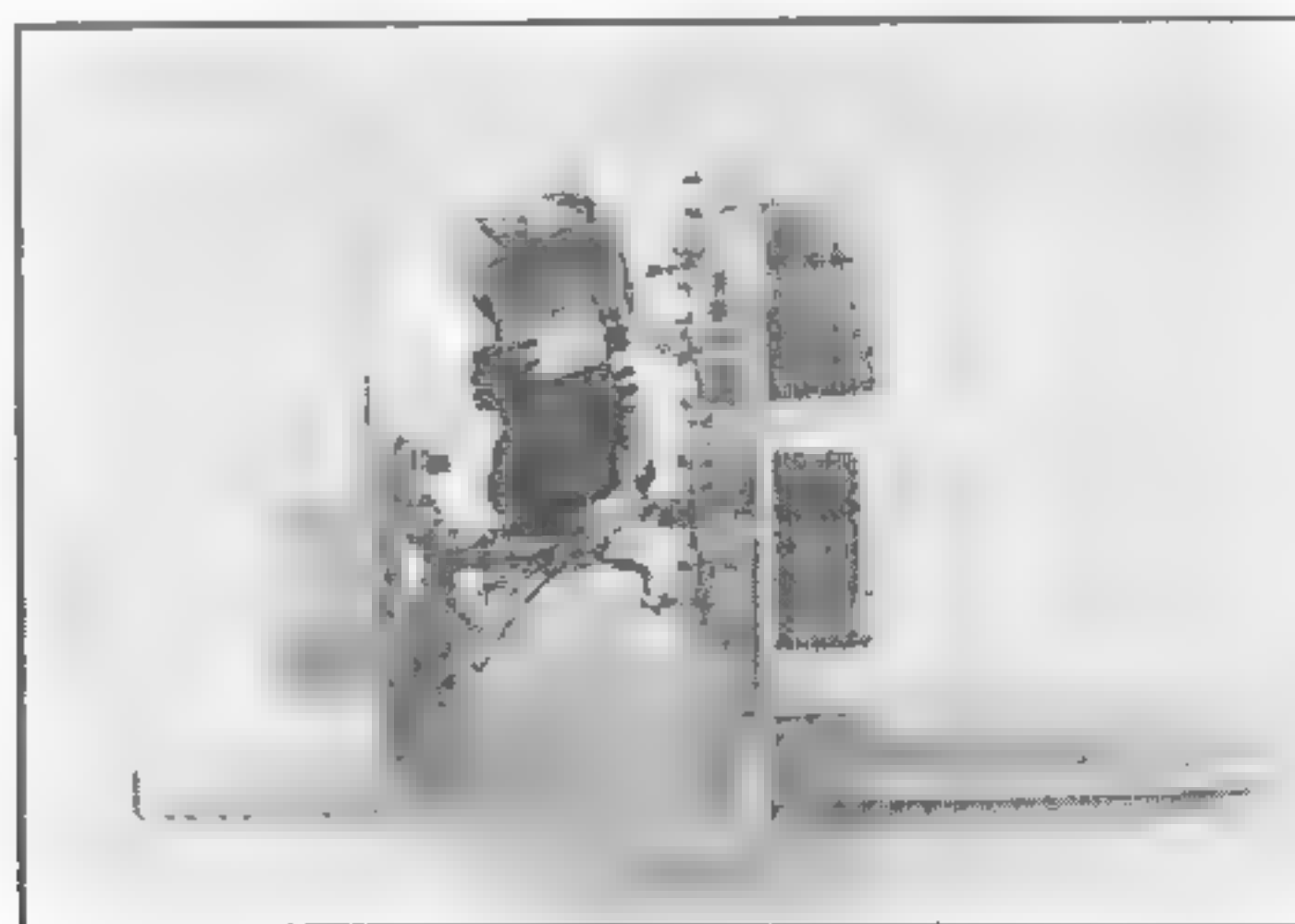


Figure 2 - A view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-HMMU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1.78:1-HDU50 is a high-power, dual-output unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 28 ohms or 12.5 ohms. When connecting this transformer (in parallel on their 50 ohm sides) with W2FMI-1.56:1-HDU50, four broadband ratios of (nominally) 4:1, 3:1, 2:1 and 1.5:1 become available. In matching 50 ohms to 28 ohms (1.78:1) the impedance transformation ratio is constant from 1MHz to 50MHz. In matching 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms (4:1), it is constant from 1 MHz to 40MHz. A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Four quadrifilar turns of No. 14 Formvar SF wire are wound on an Amidon FT-150-K. When connecting A to C, the ratio is 1:1.78. When connecting B to C, it is 1:4

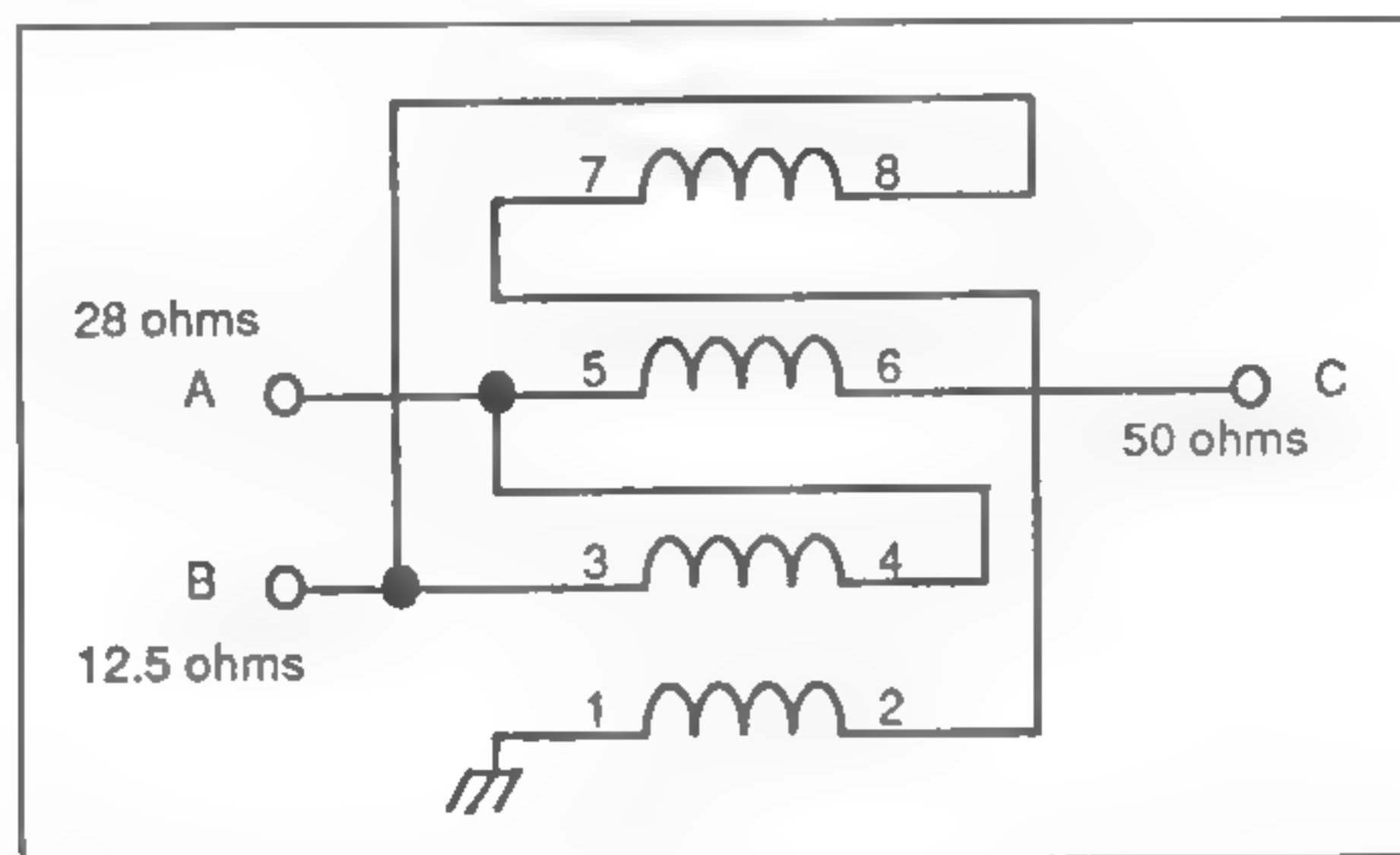


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the dual-output transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 28 lower or 12.5 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.



Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1.78:1-HDU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1.78:1-HMMU50 is a high-power, multimatch unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer. It basically uses the schematic diagram of the W2FMI-1.78:1-HDU50 transformer with more connections. It is designed to match 50 ohms to eight lower impedances ranging from 38.3 ohms down to 3.125 ohms. Specifically, the ratios and bandwidths (where the impedance ratios are constant) are:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| a) 1.36 : 1 (50:36.76-ohms) | 1MHz to 25MHz | d) 4 : 1 (50:12.50-ohms) | 1MHz to 30MHz |
| b) 1.78 : 1 (50:28.13-ohms) | 1MHz to 45MHz | e) 9 : 1 (50:5.560-ohms) | 1MHz to 25MHz |
| a) 2.25 : 1 (50:22.22-ohms) | 1MHz to 40MHz | d) 12.25 : 1 (50:4.080-ohms) | 1MHz to 20MHz |
| b) 3.06 : 1 (50:16.34-ohms) | 1MHz to 30MHz | e) 16 : 1 (50:3.125-ohms) | 1MHz to 20MHz |

A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power for the five lower ratios (1.36:1 to 4:1). For the three higher ratios (9:1 to 16:1), the ratings are 500 watts of continuous power and 1KW of peak power. The efficiency for all ratios is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Four quadrifilar turns of No. 14 Formvar SF wire are wound on an Amidon PN FT-150-K. Winding 5-6 is tapped at two turns from terminal 5. The connections to the eight ratios are:

W2FMI-1.78:1-HMMU50

A - D; 1: 1.78
B - D; 1: 4
C - D; 1: 16
B - E; 1: 2.25
B - F; 1: 3.06
A - F; 1: 1.36
C - E; 1: 9
C - F; 1: 12.25

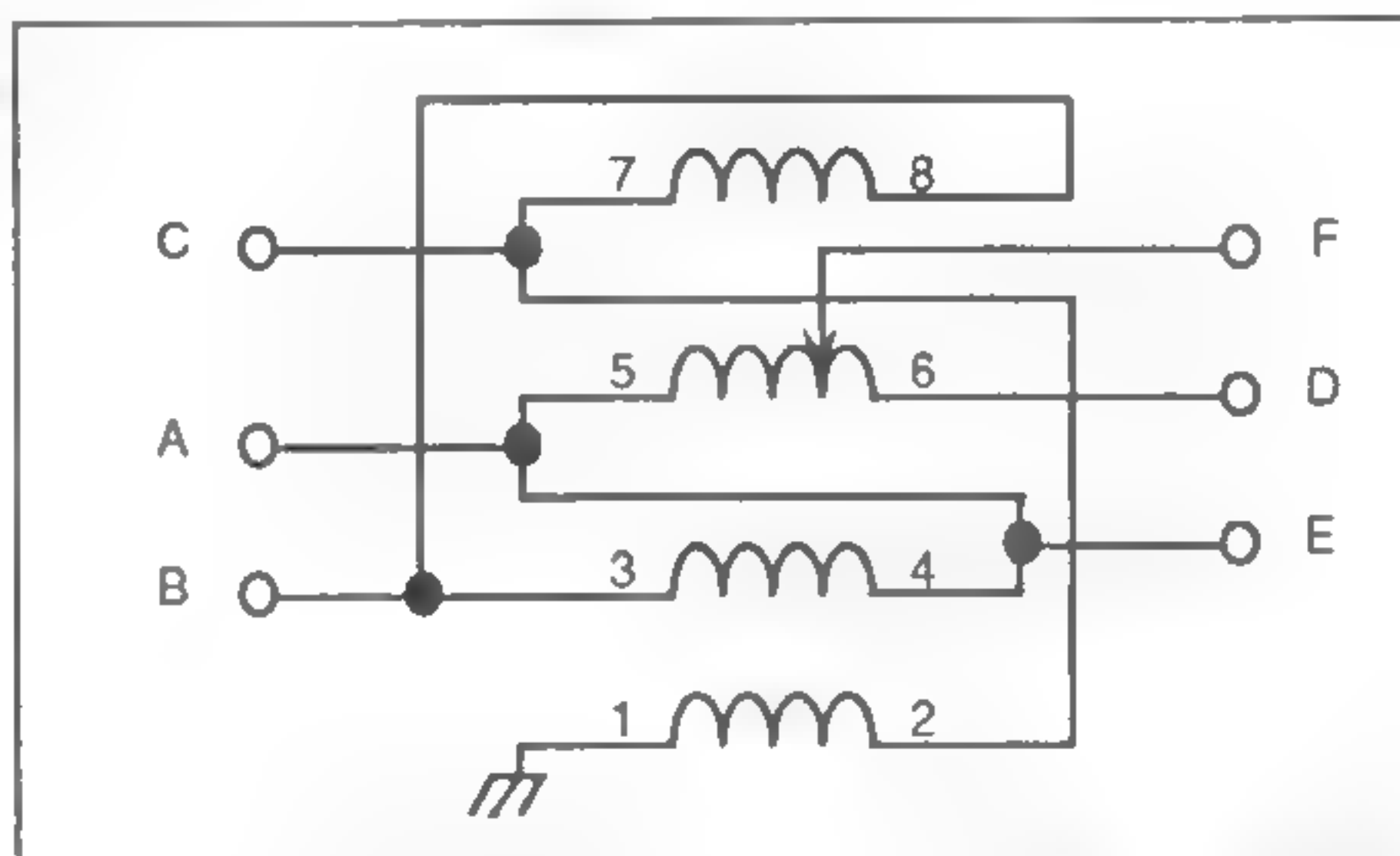


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the quadrifilar, multi-match transformer designed to match 50 ohms to eight lower impedances

C) Photograph

An exploded view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

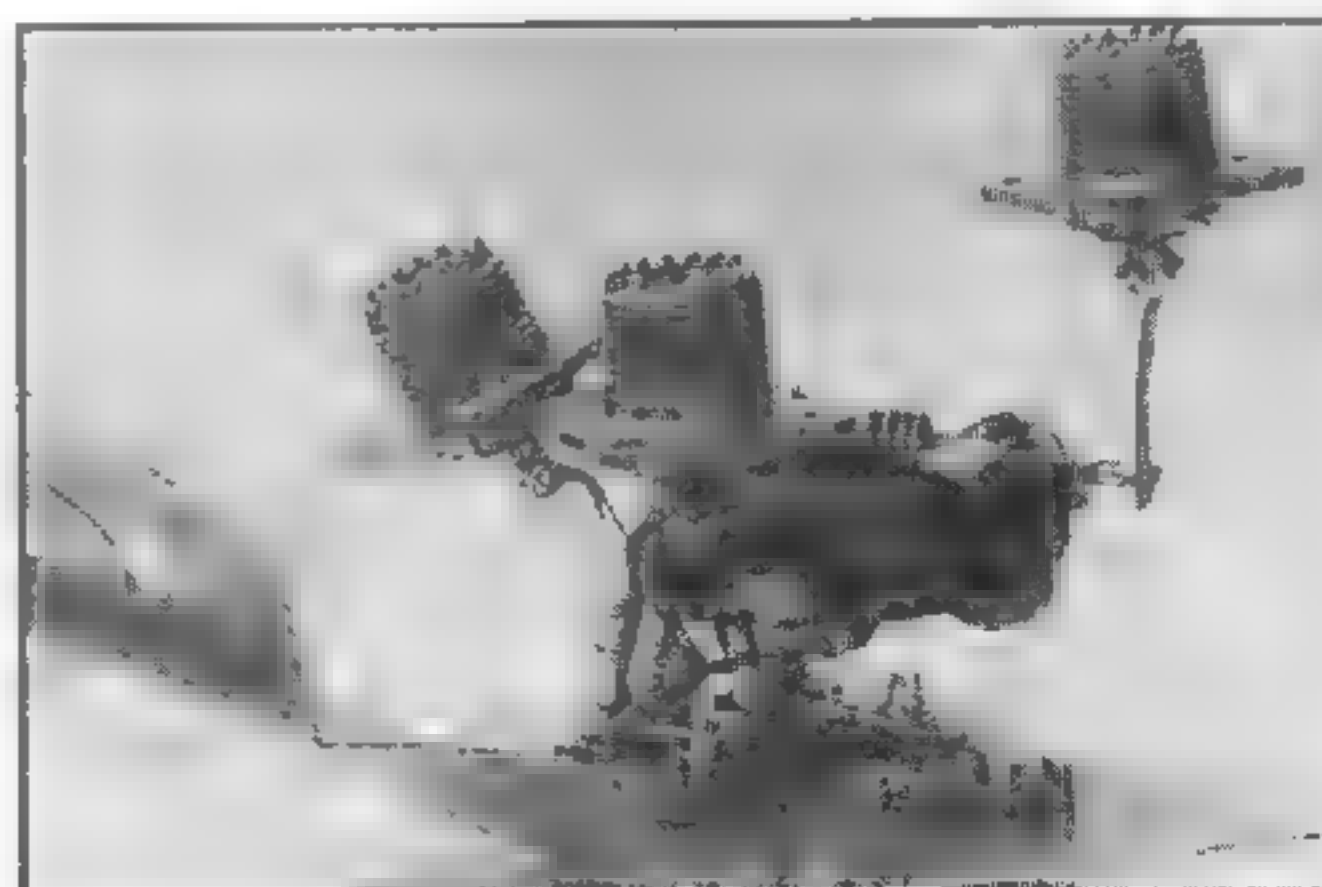


Figure 2 - An exploded view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1.78:1-HMMU 50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1.56:1-HDU50 is a high-power, dual-output unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 32 ohms or 18 ohms. When connecting this transformer (in parallel on their 50 ohm sides) with W2FMI-1.78:1-HDU50, four broadband ratios of (nominally) 4:1, 3:1, 2:1 and 1.5:1 become available. In matching 50 ohms to 32 ohms (1.56:1) the impedance transformation ratio is constant from 1MHz to 40MHz. In matching 50 ohms to 18 ohms (2.78:1), it is constant from 1 MHz to 40MHz. A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Four quintufilar turns are wound on an Amidon FT-150-K. Windings 3-4 and 7-8 are No. 14 Formvar wire. The other three are No. 16 Formvar wire. When connecting A to C, the ratio is 1:1.56. When connecting B to C, it is 1:2.78

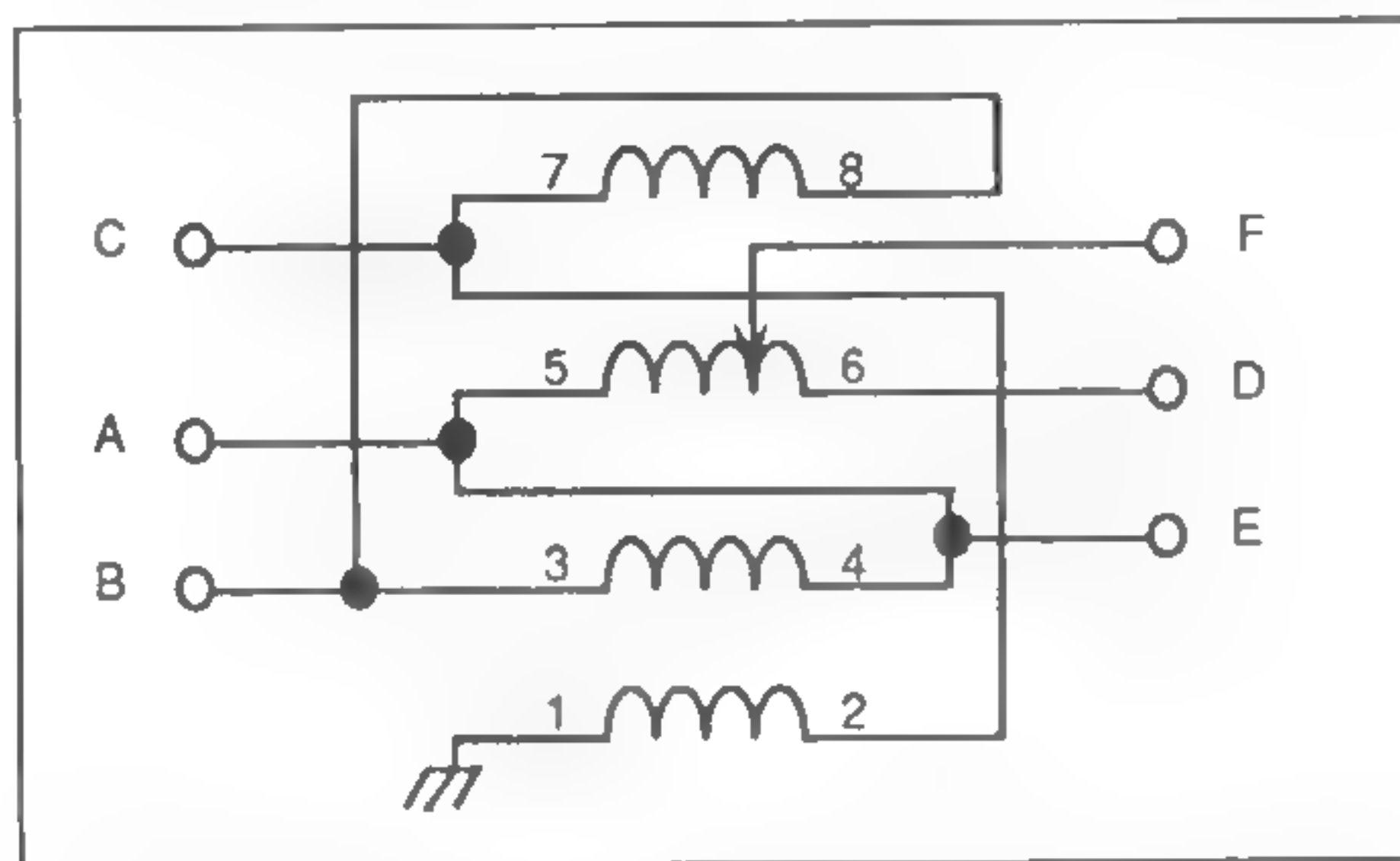


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the dual-output transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 32 ohms or 18 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

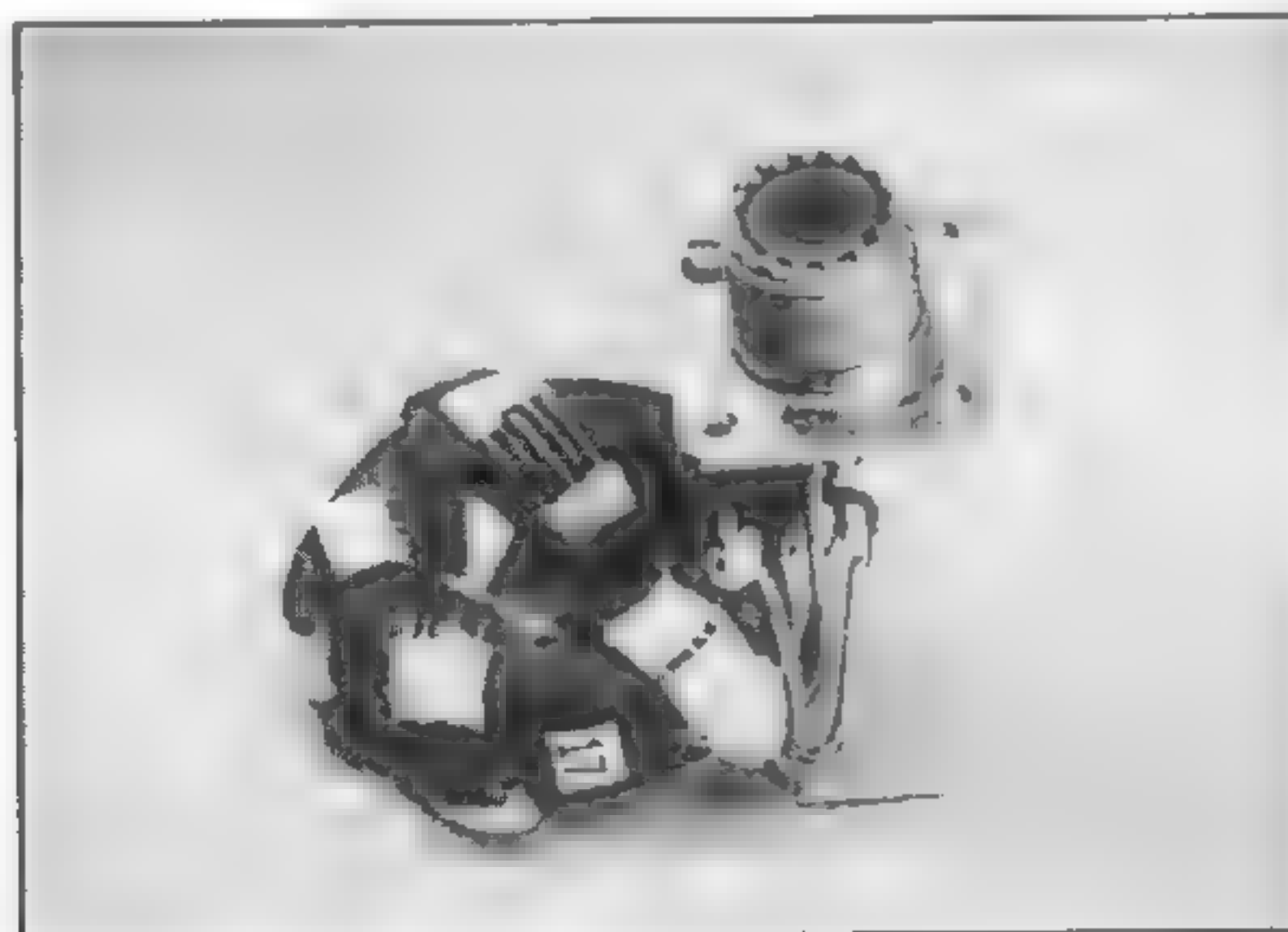


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1.56:1-HDU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1:1-HBL50 is a high-power balun transmission line transformer designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 50 ohms. It is especially designed to have a characteristic impedance of 50 ohms and significant margins in bandwidth and power-handling capability. The response is essentially flat from 1MHz to 50MHz. The conservative power rating is 2KW of continuous power and 4KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. It is the Guanella 1:1 balun which uses a bifilar winding. There are ten bifilar turns of No. 14 H. Imideze wire on an Amidon PN FT-200-K. One wire is also covered with a layer of Scotch No. 92 tape.

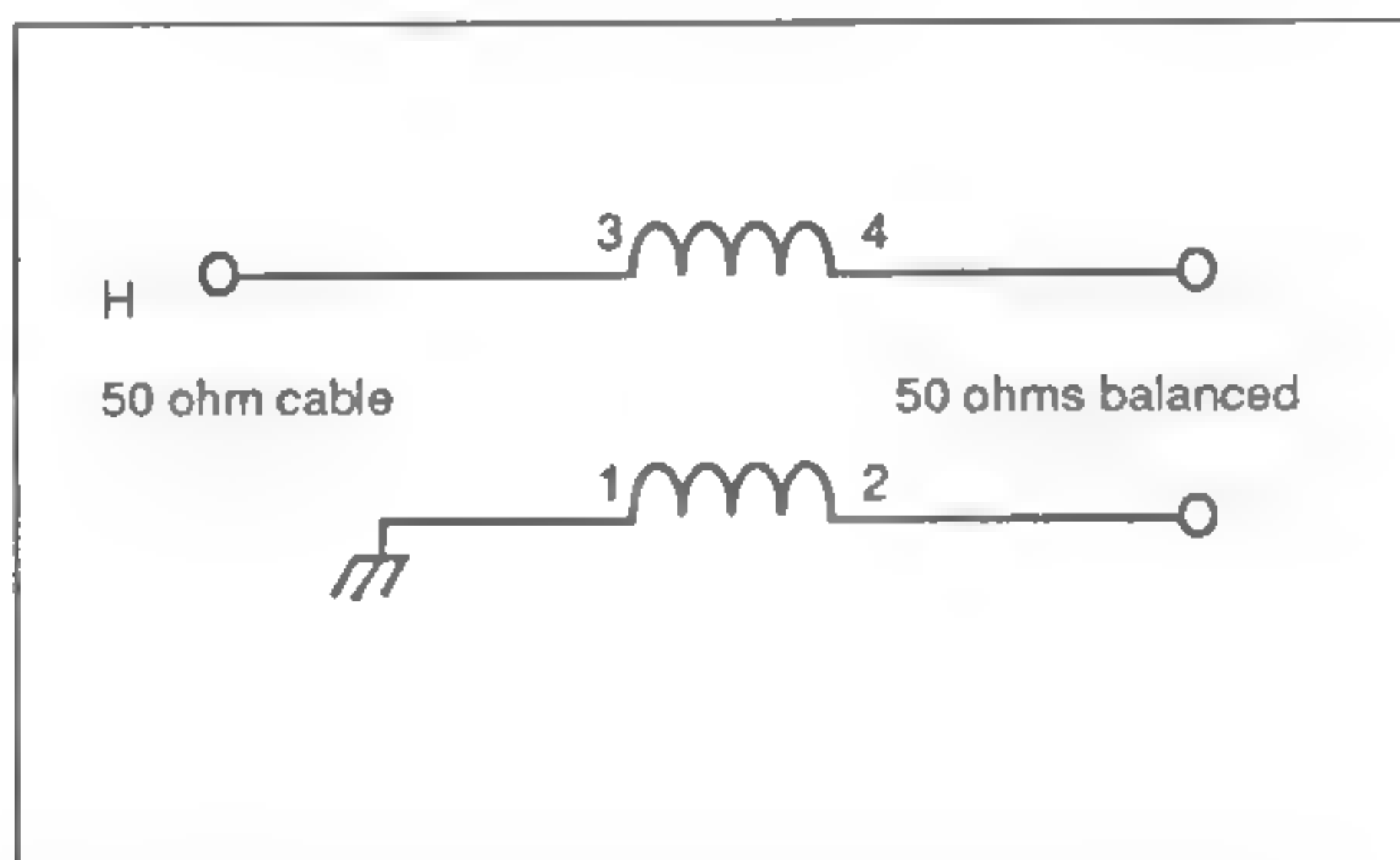


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Guanella 1:1 balun transformer

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

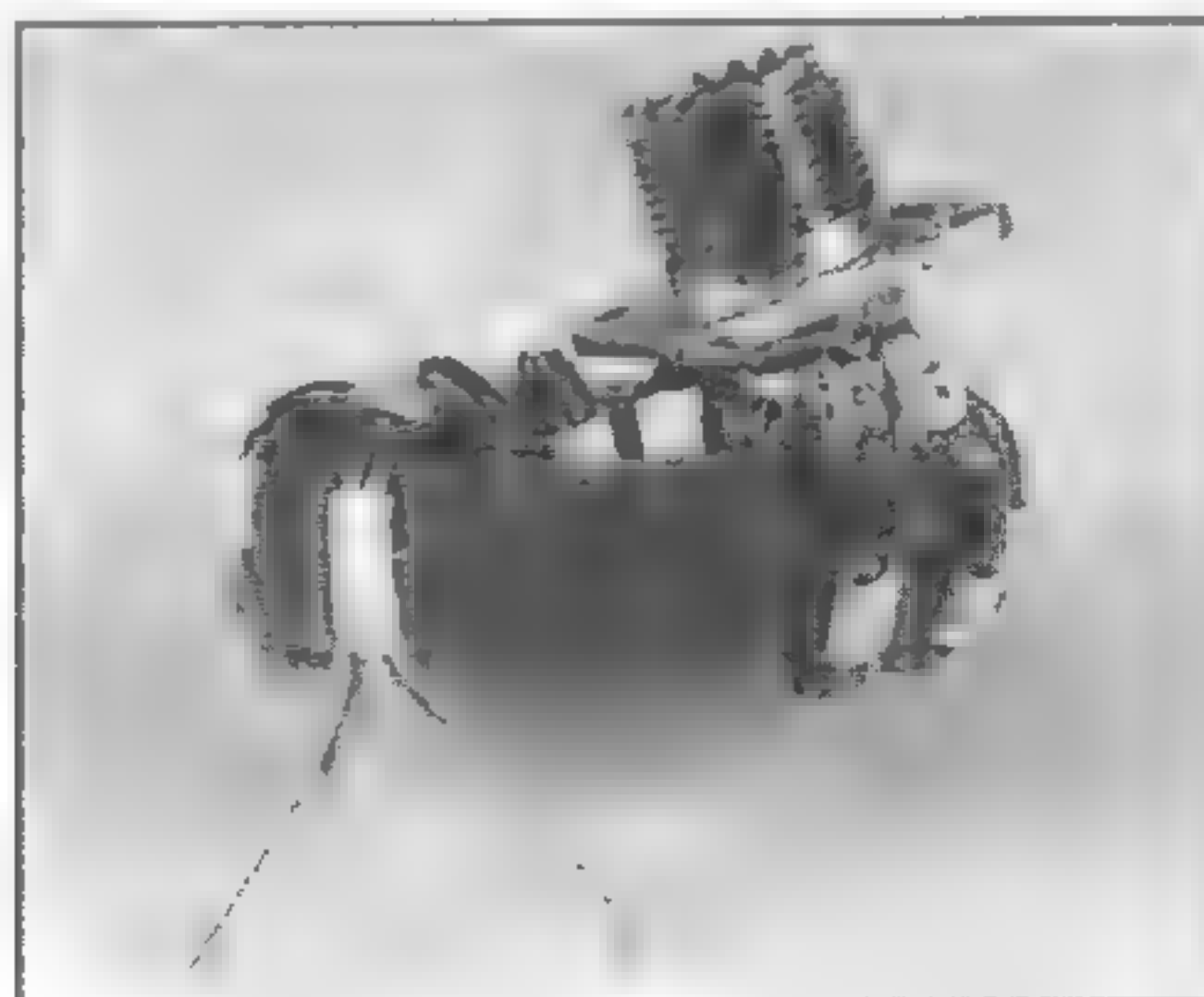


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1:1-HBL50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1:1-HBH50 is a very high-power balun transmission line transformer designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 50 ohms. It is especially designed to have a characteristic impedance of 50 ohms and significant margins in bandwidth and power-handling capability. The response is essentially flat from 1MHz to 50MHz. The conservative power rating is 5KW of continuous power and 10KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this very high power, efficient and broadband balun. It is the Guanella 1:1 balun which uses a bifilar winding. There are ten bifilar turns of No. 12 H. Imideze wire on an Amidon PN FT-200-K. One wire is covered with 2 layers of Scotch No. 92 tape.

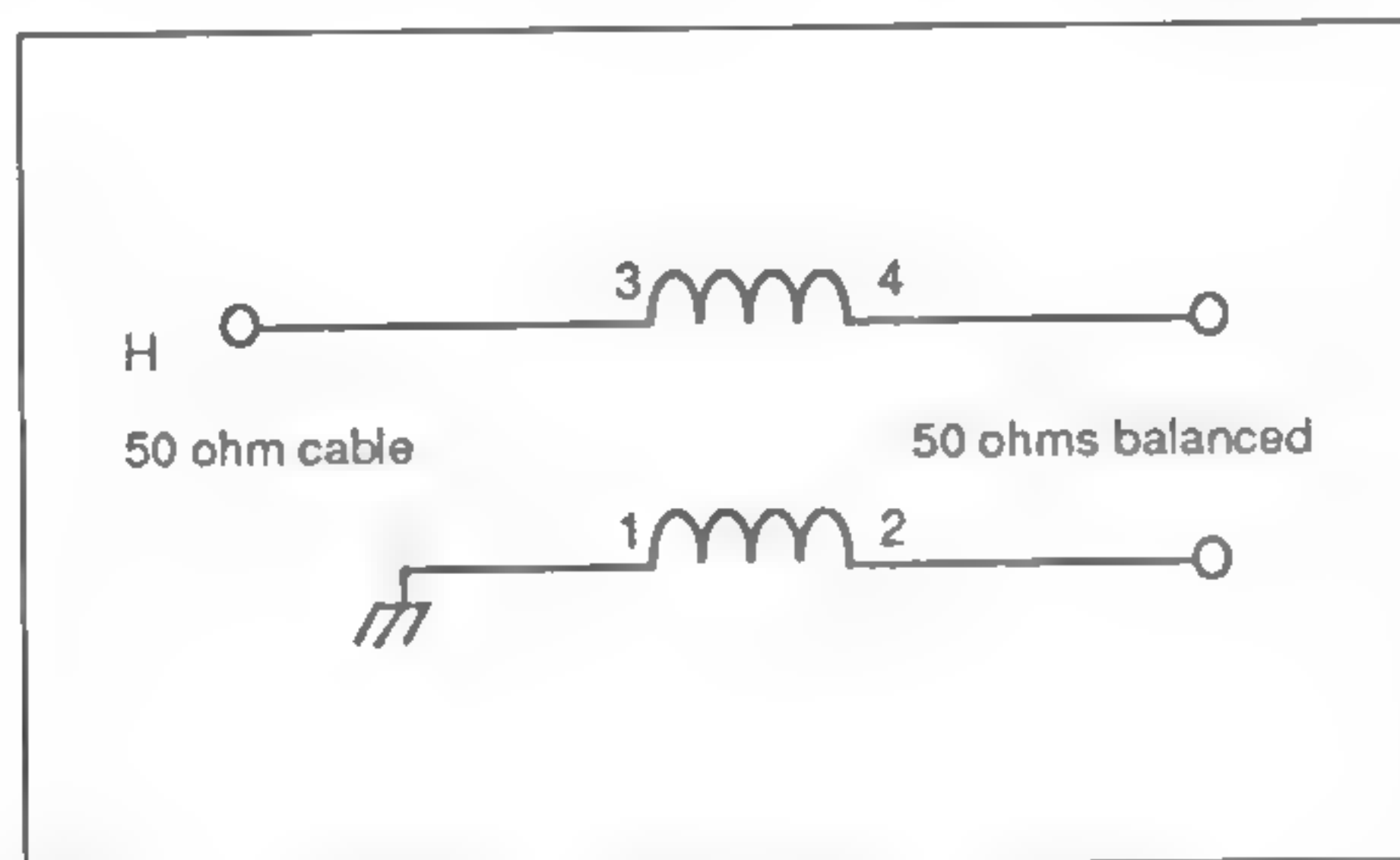


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Guanella 1:1 balun transformer

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.



Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the high-power, efficient and broadband W2FMI-1:1-HBH50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-4:1-HBL200 is a high-power balun transmission line transformer designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 200 ohms. The windings are especially designed to have a characteristic impedance of 100 ohms. With these optimized windings, as well as a ferrite core allowing for the best trade-off in low-frequency response for efficiency, this balun is capable of operating with a constant impedance transformation ratio from 1MHz to 50MHz. The conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 98 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband balun. It is the 4:1 Guanella balun which sums the voltages of two equal delay lines. There are eight bifilar turns of No. 16 Formvar SF wire on each of the two transmission lines. The core is an Amidon PN FT-200-K. Each wire is covered with an 8-mil wall Teflon sleeving.

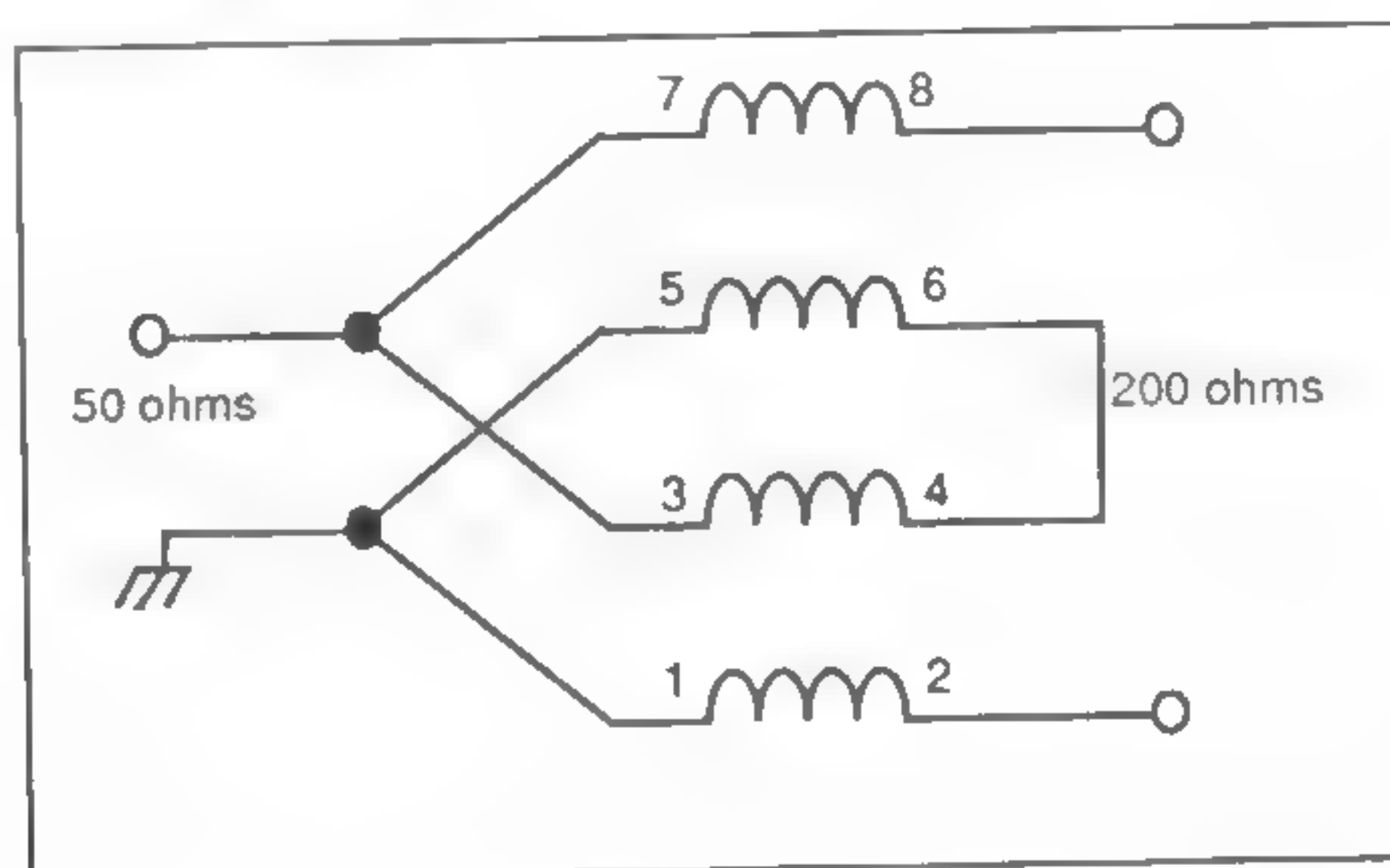


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Guanella 4:1 balun transformer design to match 50 ohms to 200 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

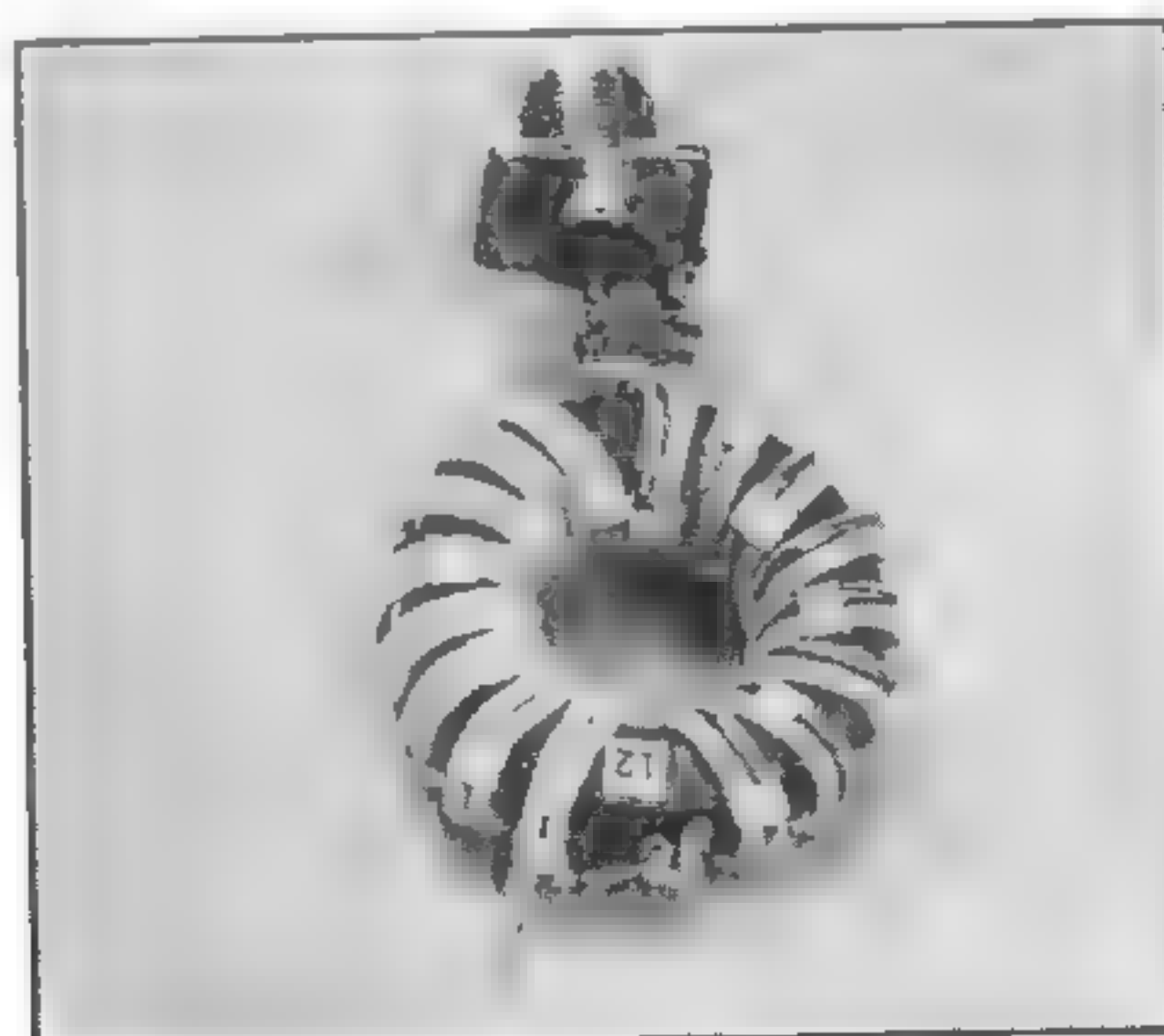


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-4:1-HBL200 transformer

A) Description

The W2FMI-4:1-HBM200 is a high-power balun transmission line transformer capable of easily handling 2KW of continuous power and 4KW of peak power when matching 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 200 ohms. The windings are especially designed to have a characteristic impedance of 100 ohms. With these optimized windings, as well as a ferrite core allowing for the best trade-off in low-frequency response for efficiency, this balun is capable of operating from 1MHz to 50MHz with a constant impedance transformation ratio. The efficiency is 98 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this very high-power and broadband balun. It is the 4:1 Guanella balun which sums the voltages of two equal delay lines. There are eight bifilar turns of No. 14 H. Imideze wire on each of the two transmission lines. The core is an Amidon PN FT-240-K. Each wire is covered with about a 15-mil wall Teflon sleeving.

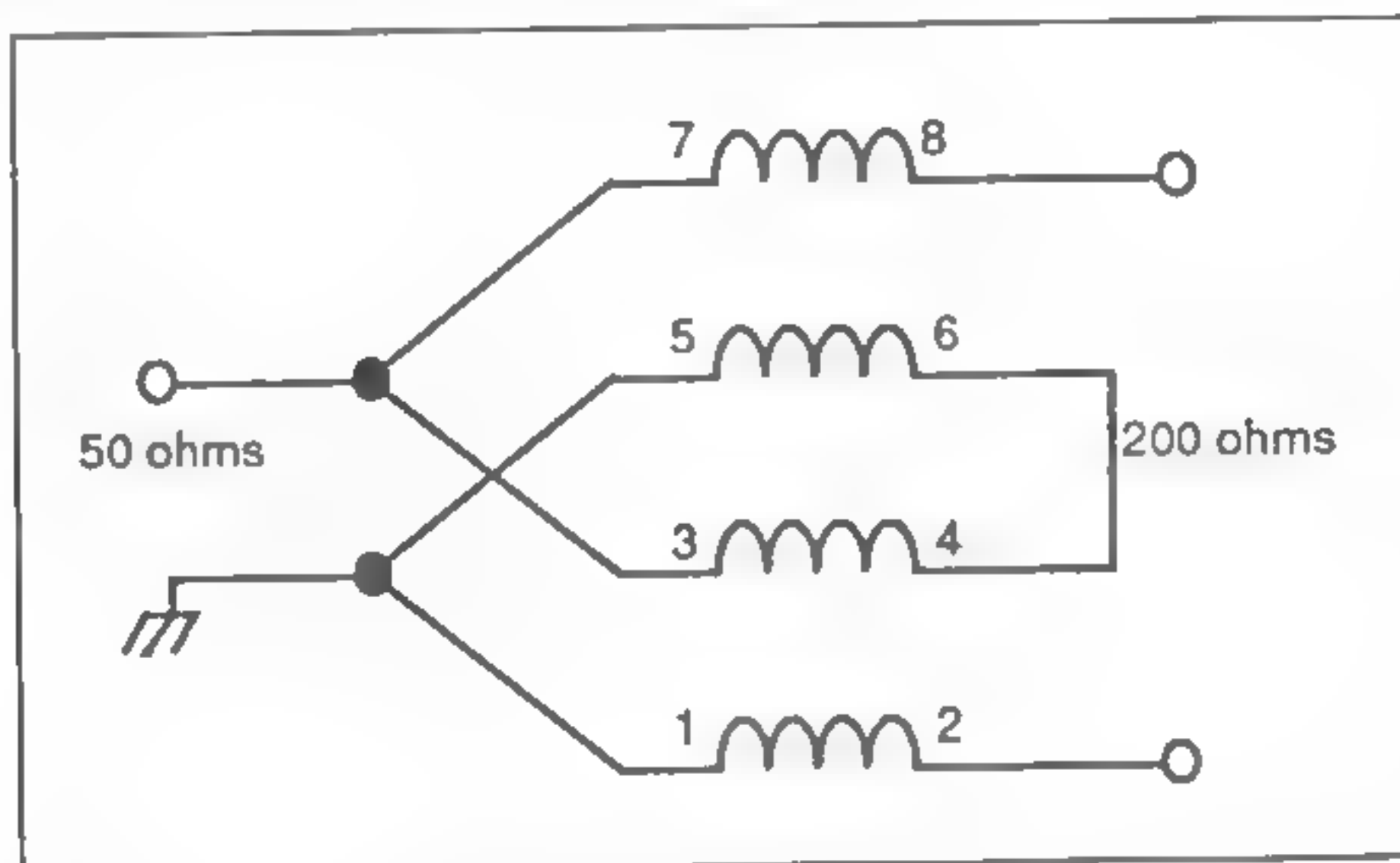


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Guanella 4:1 balun transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 200 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

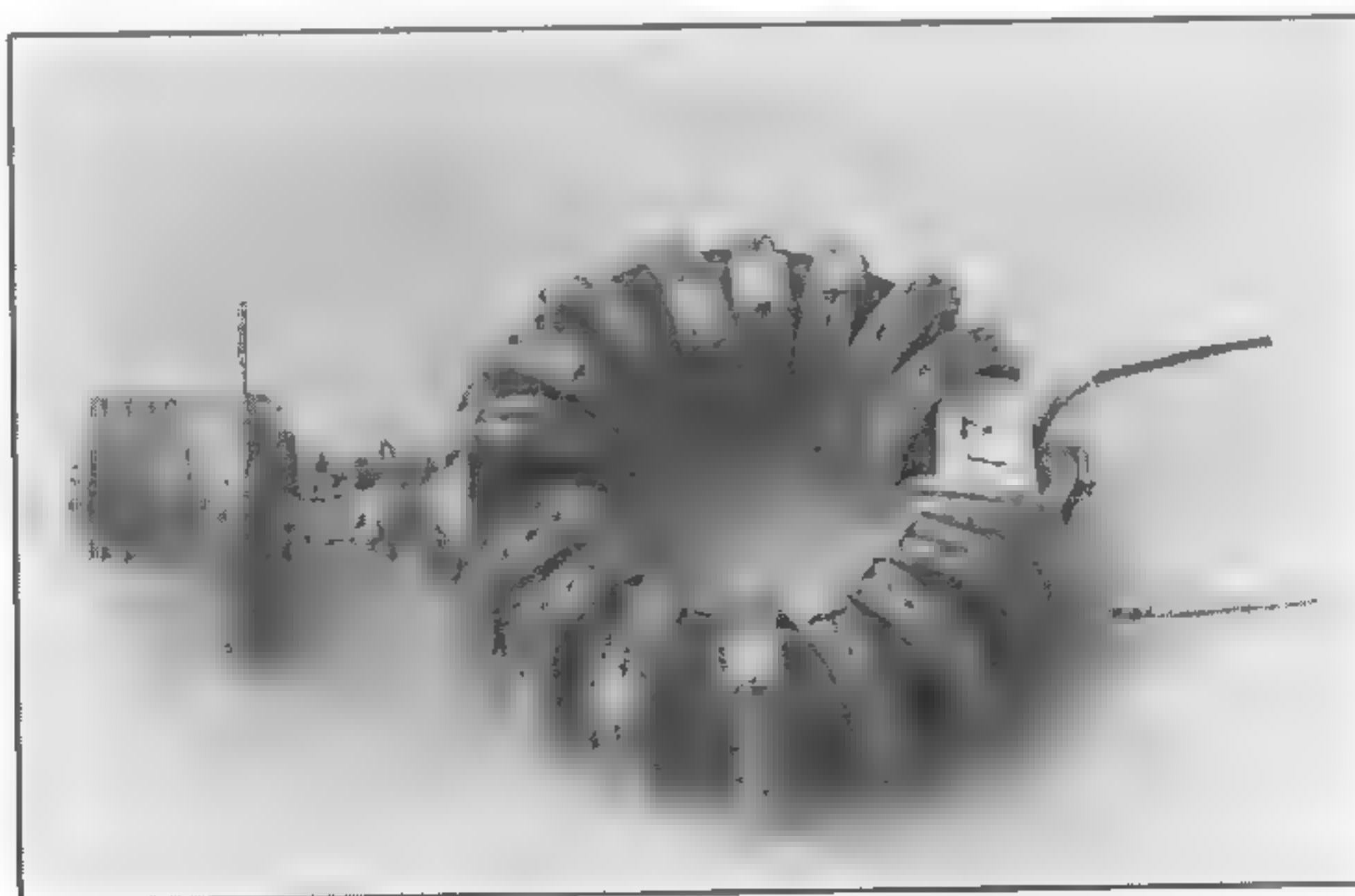


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the high power and broadband W2FMI-4:1-HBM200 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-4:1-HBH200 is a very rugged and high-power balun transmission line transformer capable of easily handling 5KW of continuous power and 10KW of peak power when matching 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 200 ohms. The extra ruggedness results from the use of a 4C4 ferrite which is the only one that does not suffer permanent damage due to excessive flux in the core. This transformer should be of interest in applications where high-impedances could exceed those of the design objectives (like antenna tuners). When matching 50 ohms to 200 ohms, this transformer has a flat response from 1MHz to 50MHz. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this very rugged and high-power balun. There are nine bifilar turns of No. 14 H. Imideze wire on each of the two transmission lines. Each wire is covered with about a 15-mil wall Teflon sleeving. The core is a 4C4 3-inch OD ferrite with a permeability of 125. This is a Guanella 4:1 balun which sums voltages of equal delays resulting in a very high-frequency response.

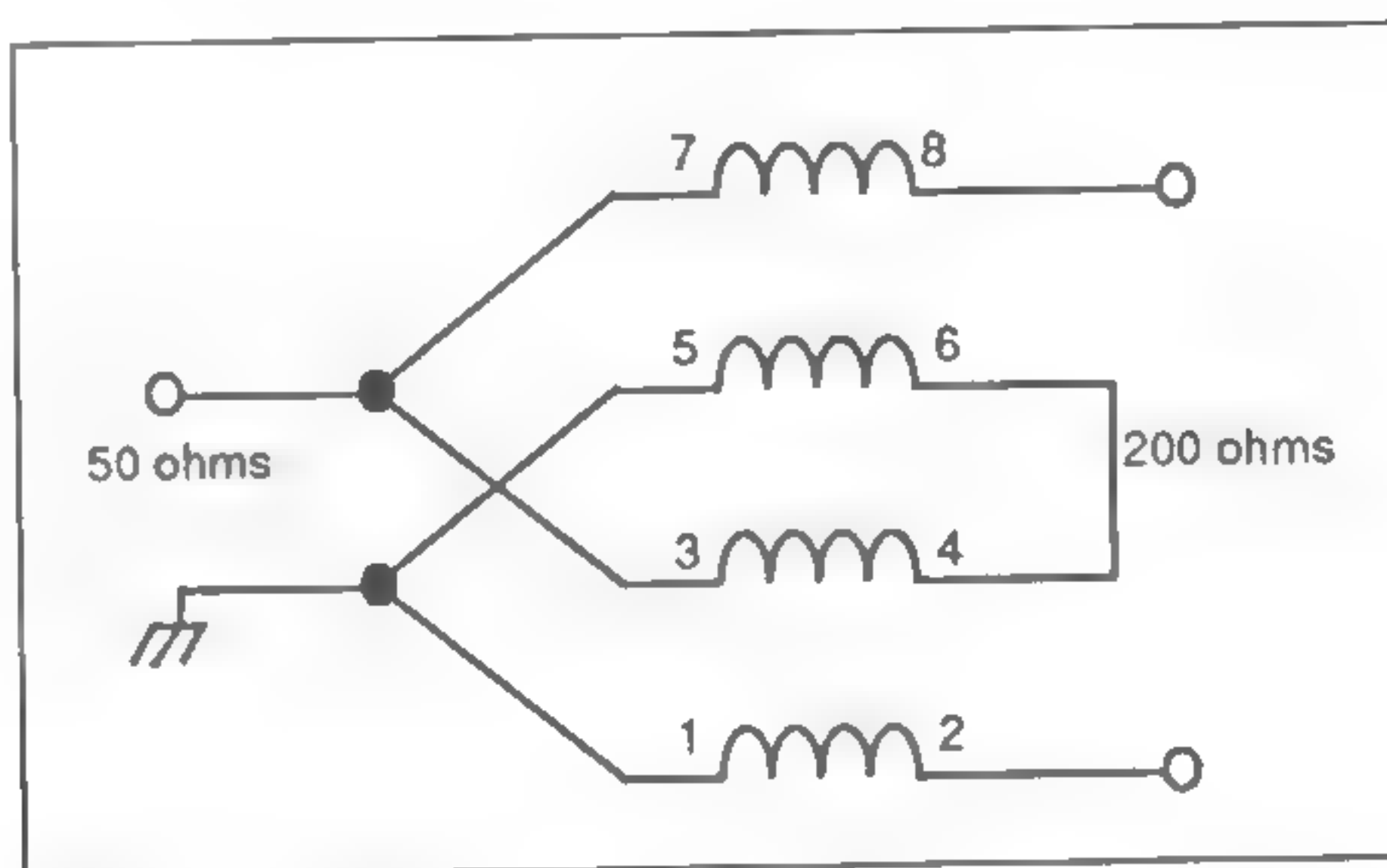


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Guanella 4:1 balun transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 200 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

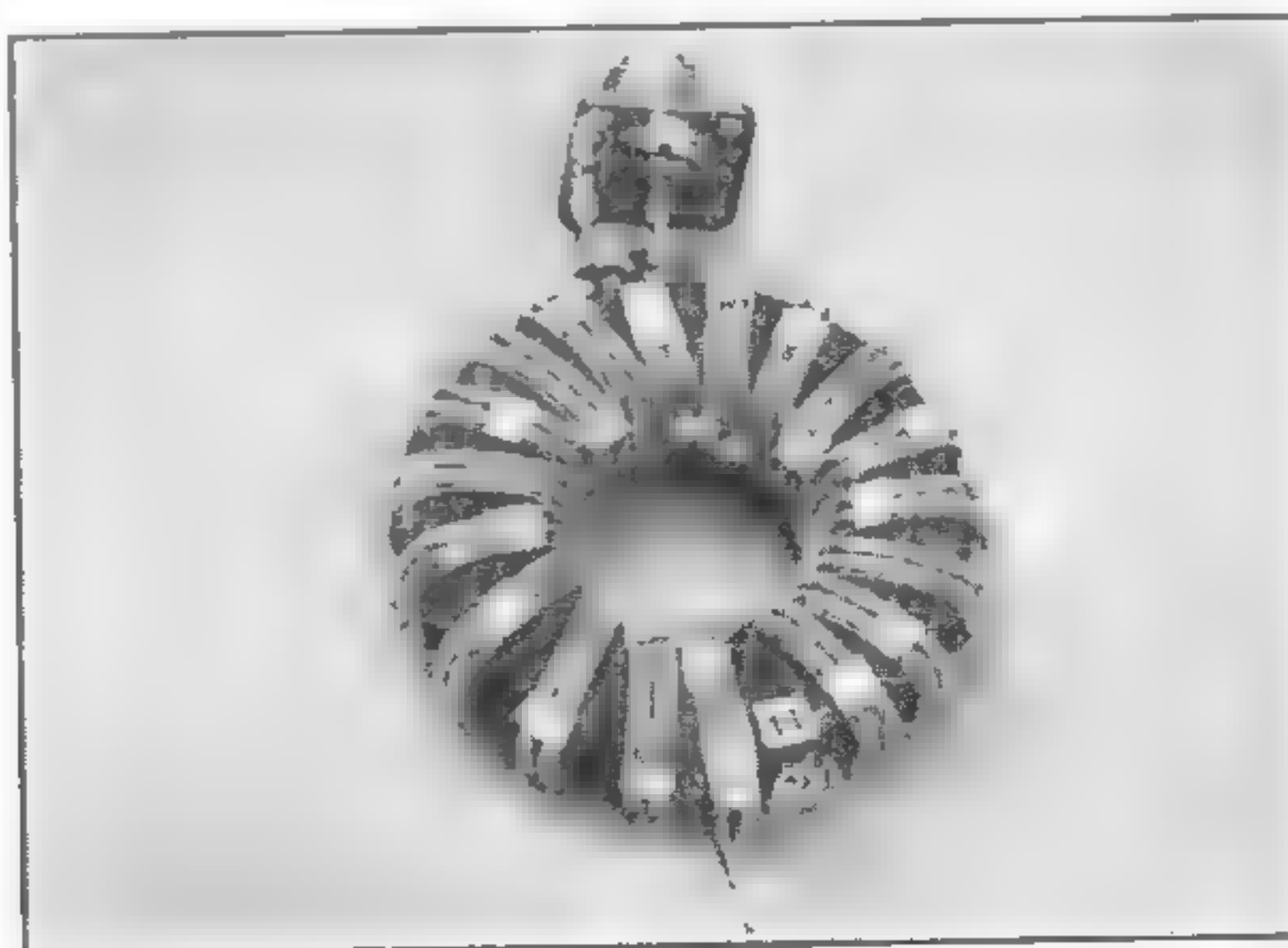


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the very rugged, high power W2FMI-4:1-HBH200 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-6:1-HB300 is a high-power compound-balun transmission line transformer designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 300 ohms. It consists of a 1:1.5 unun (50:75-ohm) in series with a 1:4 (75:300-ohm) Guanella balun. In matching 50 ohms to 300 ohms, the response is flat from 1.5MHz to 30MHz. A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 97 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this efficient, broadband 6:1 balun. It consists of two transmission lines transformers in series. The 1:1.5 unun on the left has four quintufilar turns on an Amidon PN FT-150-K ferrite core. Winding 7-8 is No. 14 H. Imideze wire and the other four are No. 16 H. Imideze wire. The 1:4 guanella balun on the right has nine bifilar turns of No. 16 Formvar SF wire on each of the two transmission lines. Each wire is covered with a teflon tubing and further seperated by teflon tubing. The core is an Amidon PN FT-268-K.

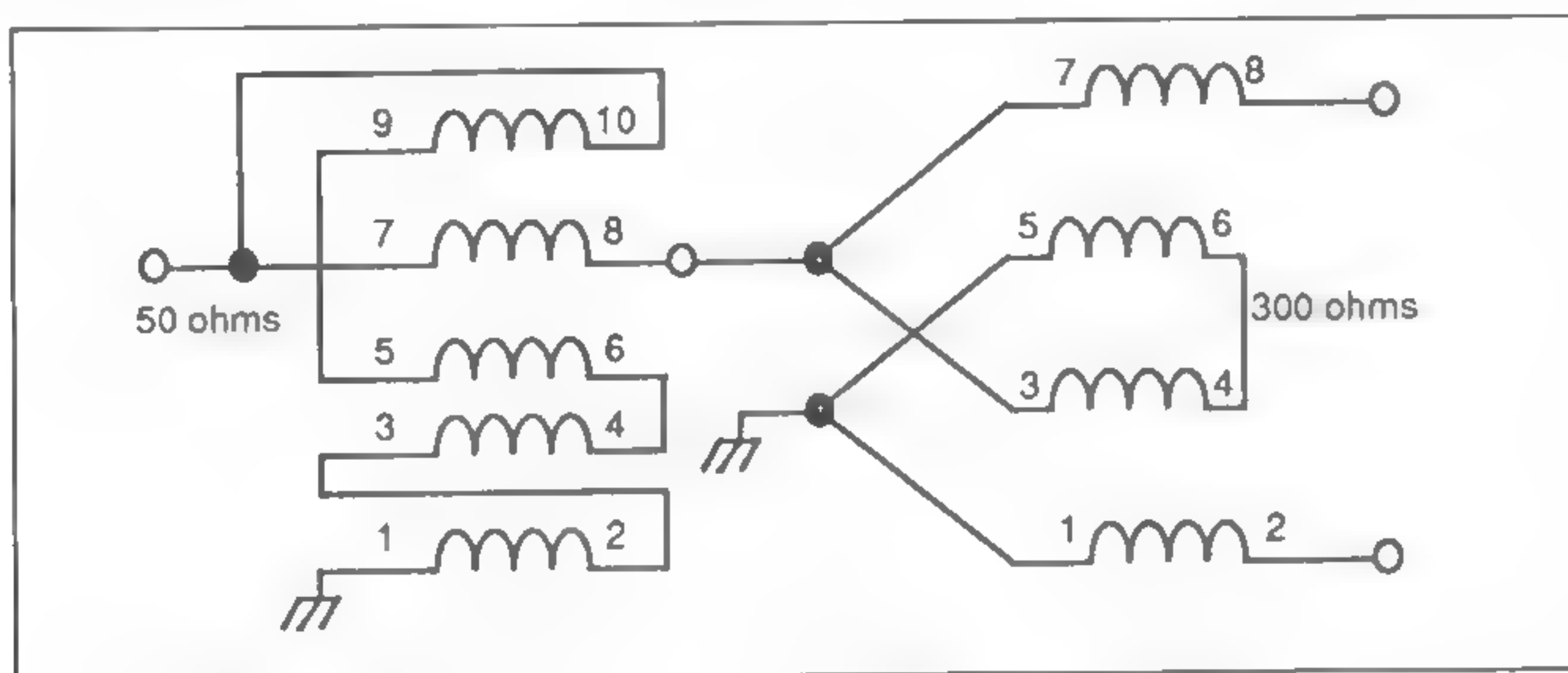


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the compound balun with a 1:6 ratio designed to match 50 ohms to 300 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

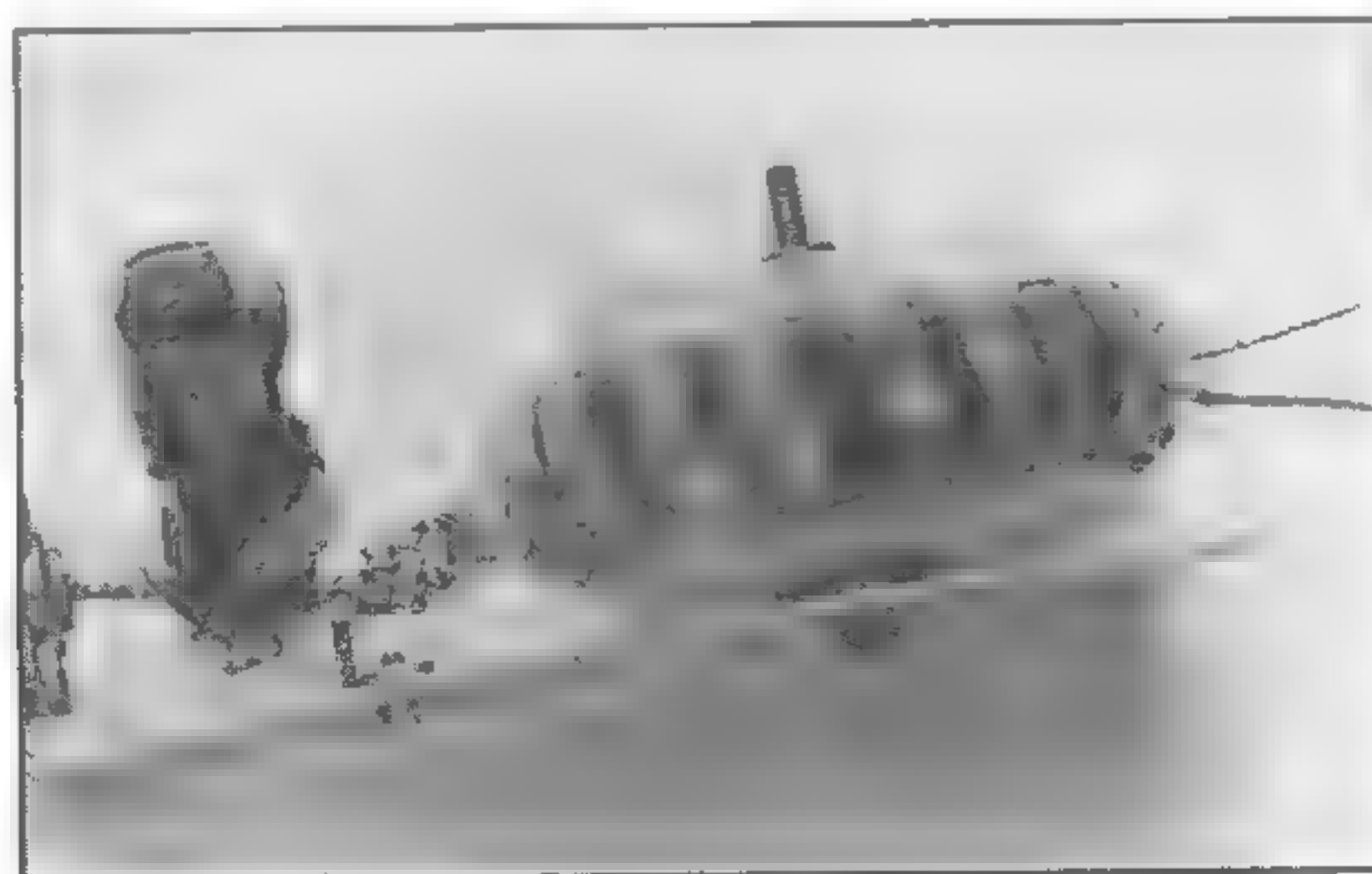


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the high power and broadband W2FMI-6:1-HB300 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-9:1-HB450 is a high-power, broadband balun transmission line transformer designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 450 ohms. It uses the Guanella approach of connecting transmission line in a series-parallel arrangement such that in-phase voltages are summed at the high-impedance side. At the 50:450-ohm impedance level, the response is flat from 1.5MHz to 30MHz. The power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 97 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this efficient, broadband balun. Three transmission lines are connected in parallel on the 50-ohm side and in series on the 450-ohm side. If operation is required from 1.5MHz to 30 MHz, then each transmission line should have sixteen bifilar turns. If the transformer is required to operate only from 1.5MHz to 7.5MHz, then 18 bifilar turns is recommended. If operation is restricted to the 7MHz to 30MHz range, then only 14 bifilar turns is recommended. The wires, which are No. 16 Formvar SF, are covered with teflon tubing and further separated by teflon tubing. The objective is a characteristic impedance of 150 ohms. The cores are Amidon PN FT-268-K core.

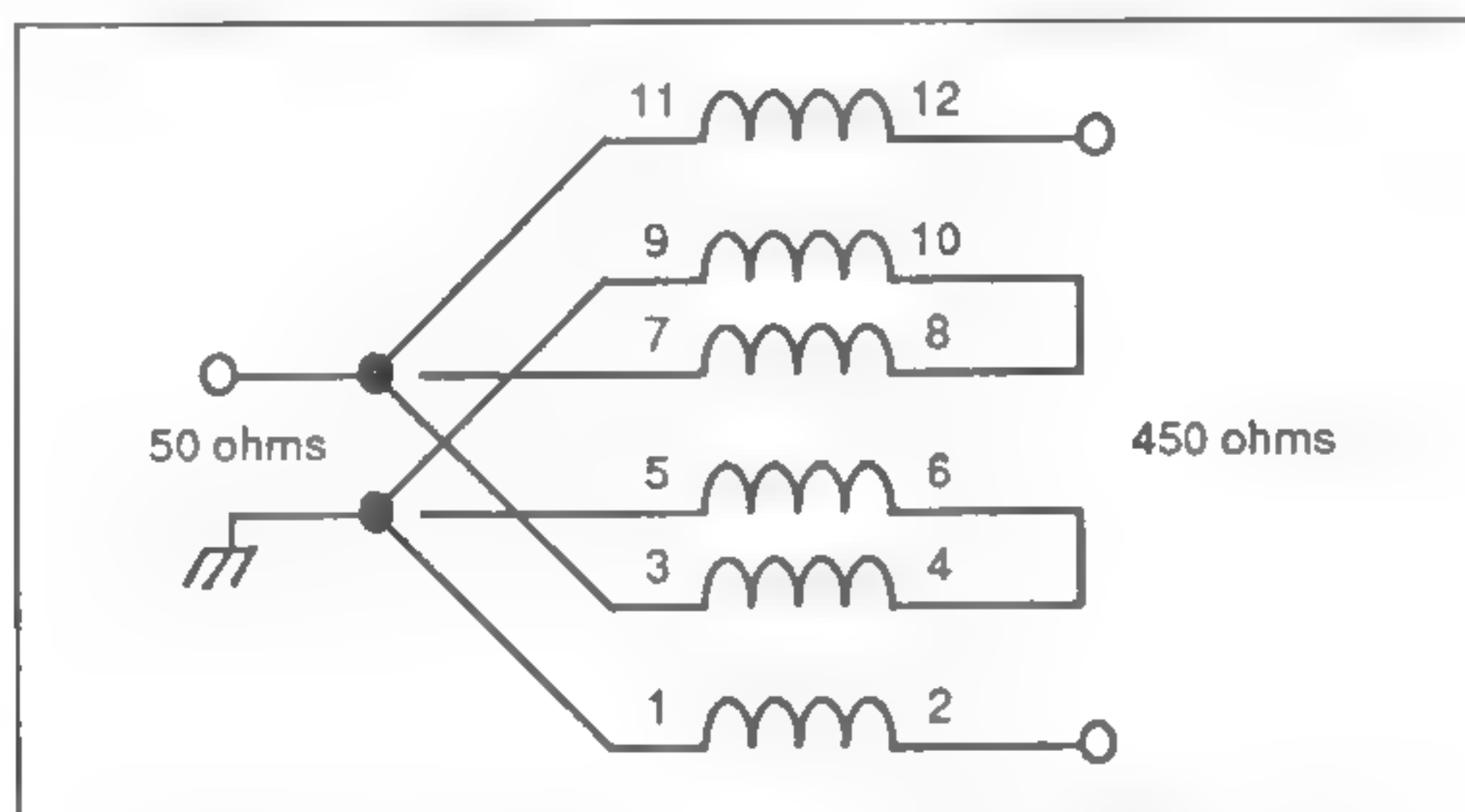


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Guanella 9:1 balun transformer designer to match 50 ohms to 450 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

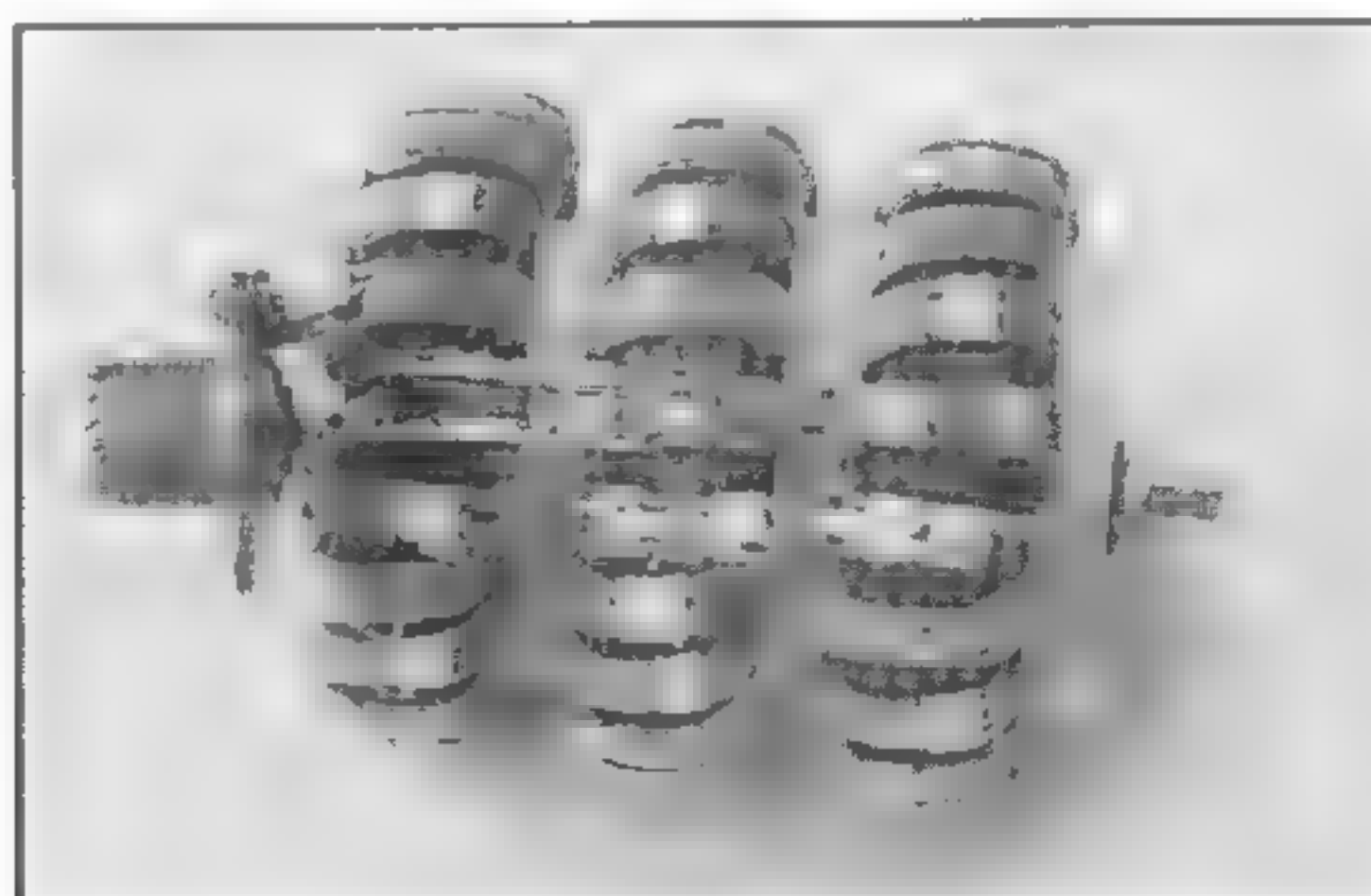


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the high power and broadband W2FMI-9:1-HB450 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2.25:1-HB112.5 is a high-power, compound-balun transmission line transformer designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 112.5 ohms (designed to match into a quad antenna). It consists of two transmission line transformers in series. A 1.78:1 unun (50:28-ohm) is in series with a 1:4 (28:112.5-ohms) Guanella balun. The overall impedance ratio is 2.25:1. When matching 50 ohms to 112.5 ohms, the response is flat from 1.5MHz to 45MHz. The power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 98 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this efficient and broadband 2.25:1 balun. It consists of two transmission line transformers in series. The 1.78:1 unun on the left has five quadrifilar turns on an Amidon PN FT-150-K. Winding 5-6 is No. 14 Formvar SF wire. The other three are No. 16 Formvar SF wire. The 1:4 Guanella balun on the right has eight bifilar turns on each of the two transmission lines. The core is an Amidon PN FT-200-K. The windings are No. 14 H. Imideze wire. Winding 1-2 is also covered with two layers of Scotch No. 92 tape. The characteristic impedance of the top transmission line is 45 ohms. The bottom transmission line is 55 ohms. This arrangement (which is compensating) produced the highest frequency response when the load is between 110 and 120 ohms.

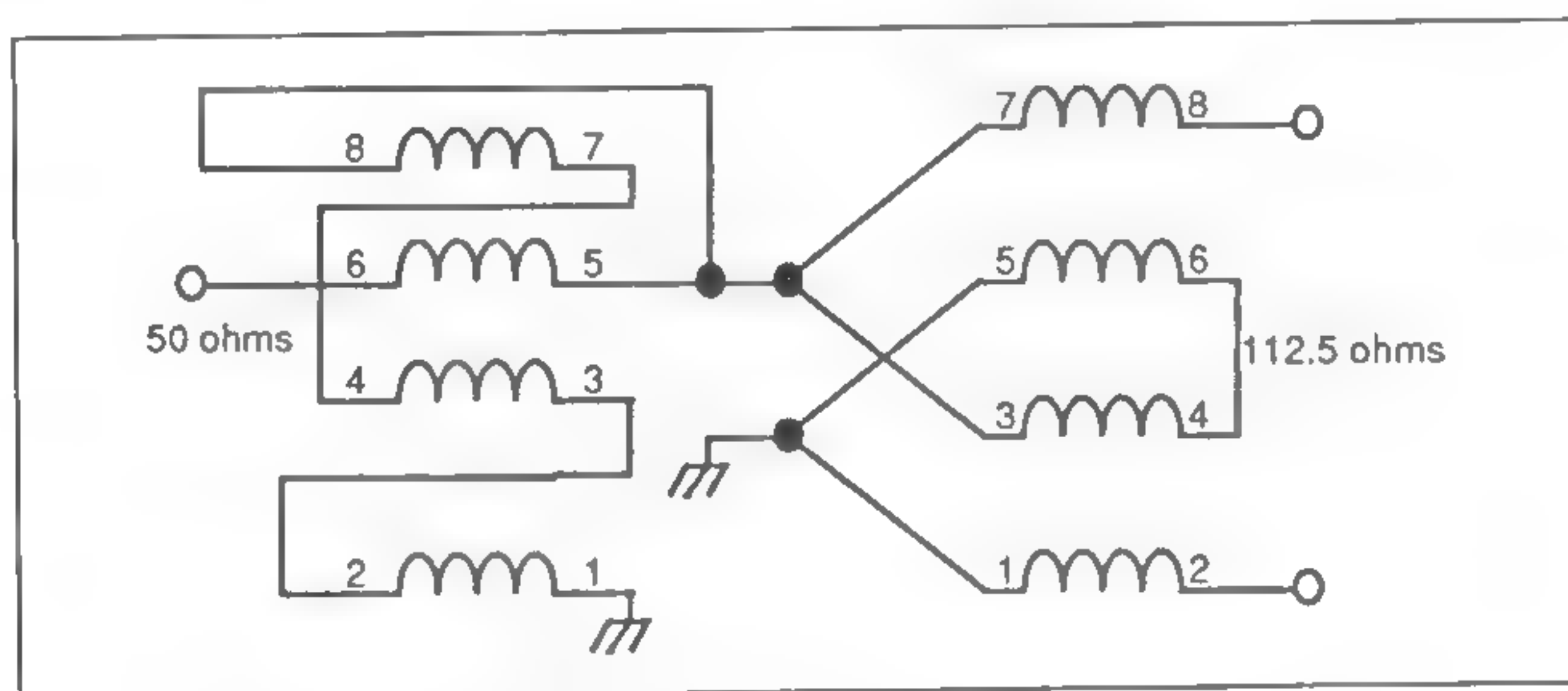


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the compound balun with a 1:2.25 ratio designed to match 50 ohms to 112.5 ohms

C) Photograph

A view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

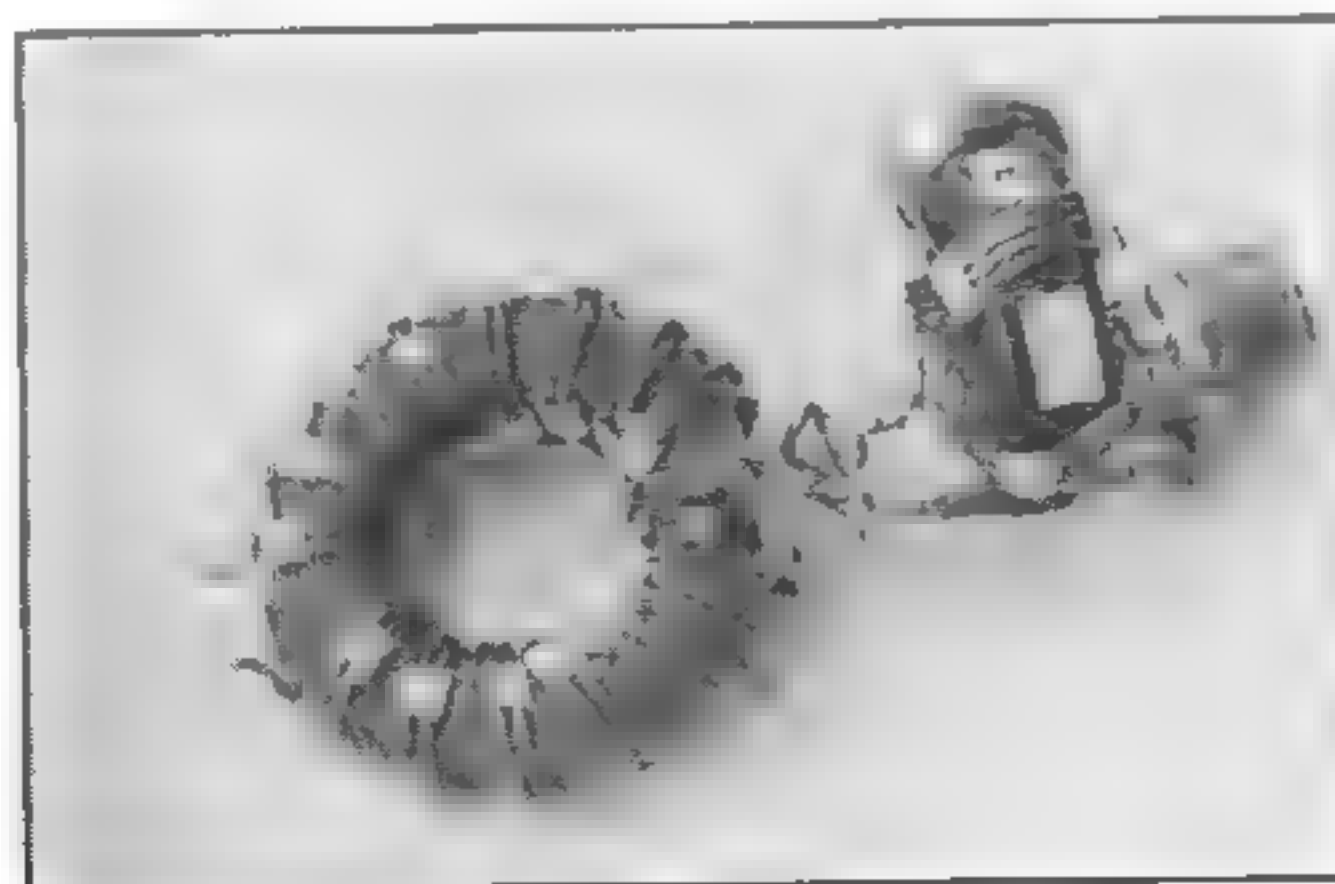


Figure 2 - A view of the compound-balun W2FMI-2.25:1-HB112.5 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-4:1-HB50 is a high-power, broadband 4:1 Guanella balun designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 12.5 ohms (like a Yagi beam antenna). It uses two tightly wound transmission lines on two rod cores. This utilizes the ability of being able to obtain a characteristic impedance of 25 ohms which is optimal for matching 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms. This cannot be done with tight windings on toroidal cores. Further, since two cores are used, the transformer has about the same broadband response in an unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) application. In fact, the bottom core can be removed with little change in the low-frequency limit. In matching 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms, the response is flat from 1.5MHz to 45MHz! The power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this efficient and broadband 4:1 balun/unun. It consists of two tightly wound transmission lines on two Amidon PN R61-037-400 ferrite rods (3/8-inch diameter, 3 3/4-inch long ferrite rods with permeability of 125). The bifilar windings are 14 1/2 turns of No. 14 Formvar SF wire. The connections are made in the broadband series-parallel arrangement of the 4:1 Guanella balun. When operating as an unun (terminals 1 and 2 grounded), the bottom rod can be removed since there is no potential gradient along its winding.

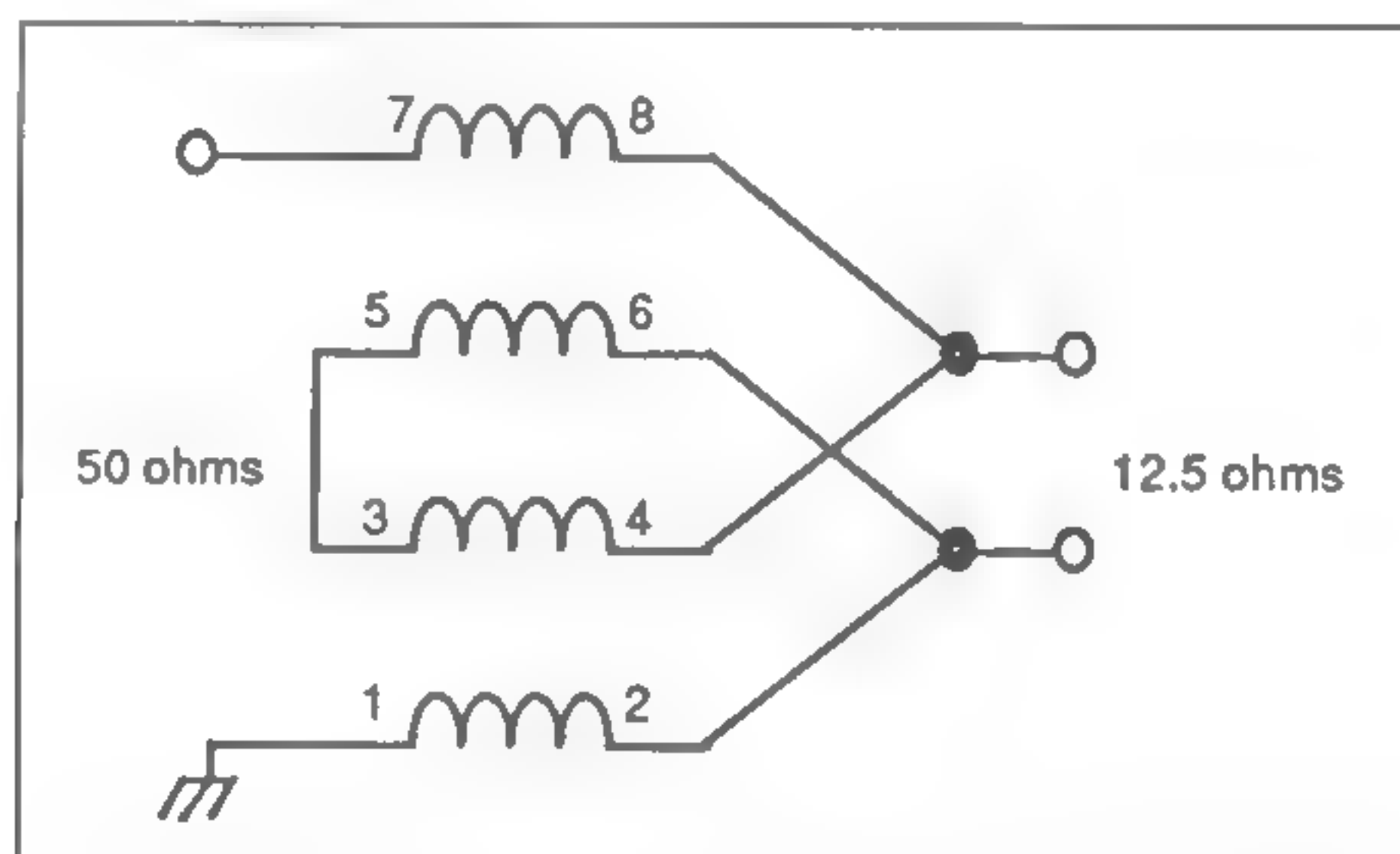


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Guanella 4:1 balun transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the 50 ohm side.

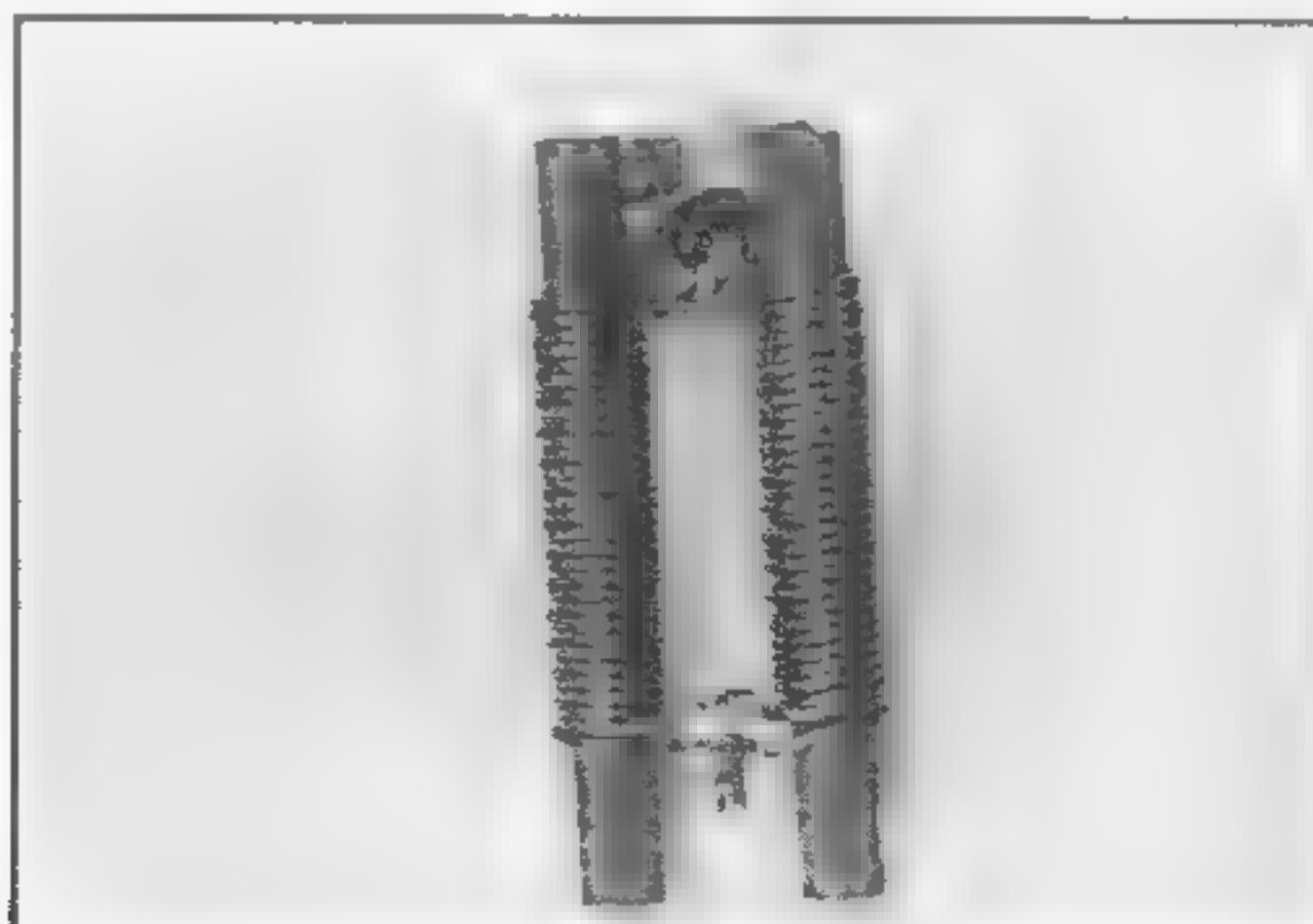


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the high-power and broadband balun W2FMI-4:1-HB50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-12:1-HB600 is a high-power compound-balun transmission line transformer designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 600 ohms. It consists of a 1.33:1 unun (50:37.6-ohms) in series with a 1:16 (37.6:600-ohms) Guanella balun. It is very likely one of the most difficult high-ratio, high-impedance baluns to design and construct. Preliminary measurements show that the response is quite flat from 1.7MHz to 22MHz. The useful range could be somewhat higher. A conservative power rating is 1KW of continuous power and 2KW of peak power. The efficiency is 96 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this efficient, broadband 12:1 balun. It consists of two transmission lines transformers in series. The 1.33:1 unun on the left has five quintufilar turns of No.14 Formvar SF wire on an Amidon PN FT-150-K ferrite core. The center wire is tapped 2 turns from terminal 6. The 1:16 Guanella balun has 17 bifilar turns of No.16 Formvar SF wire on each of the four Amidon PN FT-268-K ferrite core. Each wire is covered with Teflon sleeving. They are further separated by teflon sleeving yielding the 150-ohm characteristics impedance needed for the impedance level.

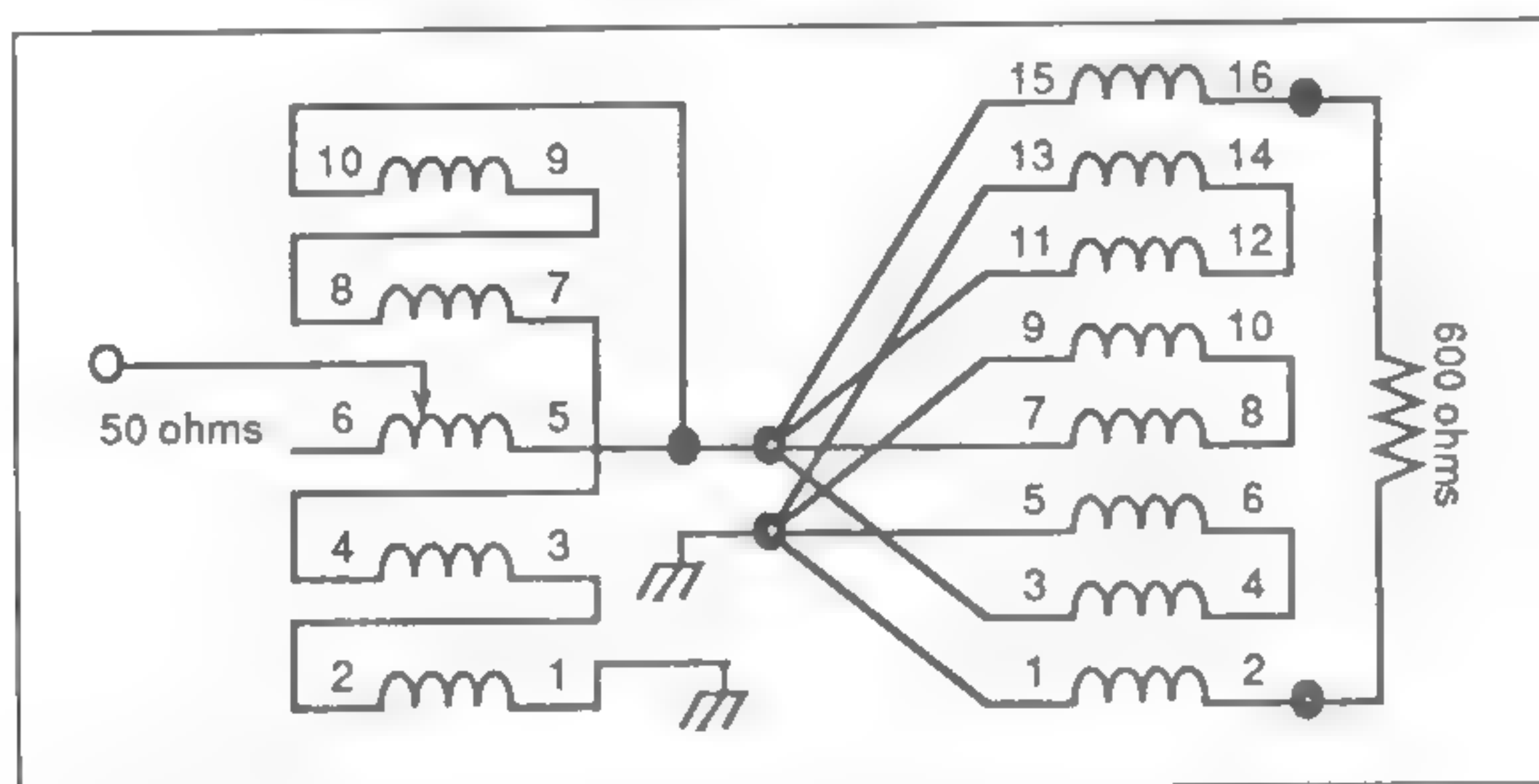


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the compound balun with a 12:1 ratio designed to match 50 ohms to 600 ohms

C) Photograph

A view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.



Figure 2 - A view of the high power and broadband W2FMI-12:1-HB600 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-12:1-MB600 is a medium-power, compound-balun transmission line transformer designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 600 ohms. It consists of a 1.33:1 unun (50:66.7-ohms) in series with a 1:9 (66.7:600-ohms) Guanella balun. Preliminary measurements show that the response is quite flat from 3.5MHz to 30MHz. A conservative power rating is 500 watt of continuous power and 1KW of peak power. The efficiency is 95 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this efficient, broadband 12:1 balun. It consists of two transmission line transformers in series. The 1.33:1 unun on the left has four septuflar turns on an Amidon PN FT-150-K ferrite core. The top winding is No.14 Formvar SF wire and the other six are No.16 Formvar SF wire. The 1:9 Guanella balun has 14 bifilar turns of No.18 Formvar SF wire on each of the three Amidon PN FT-268-K ferrite core. The bifilar winding are spaced 1/4-inch with scotch No.27 glass tape clamps in order to obtain the optimum characteristic impedance of 200 ohms.

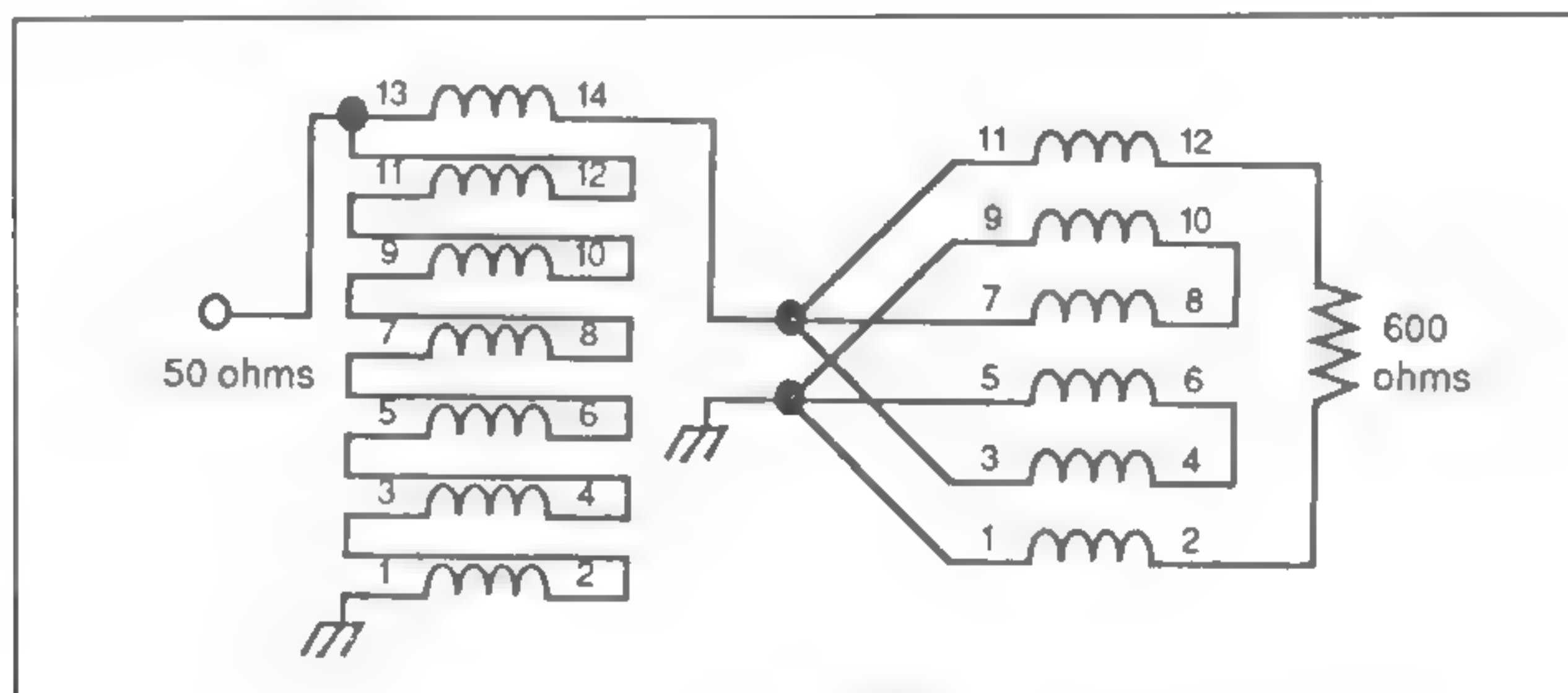


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the compound balun with a 12:1 ratio designed to match 50 ohms to 600 ohms

C) Photograph

A view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

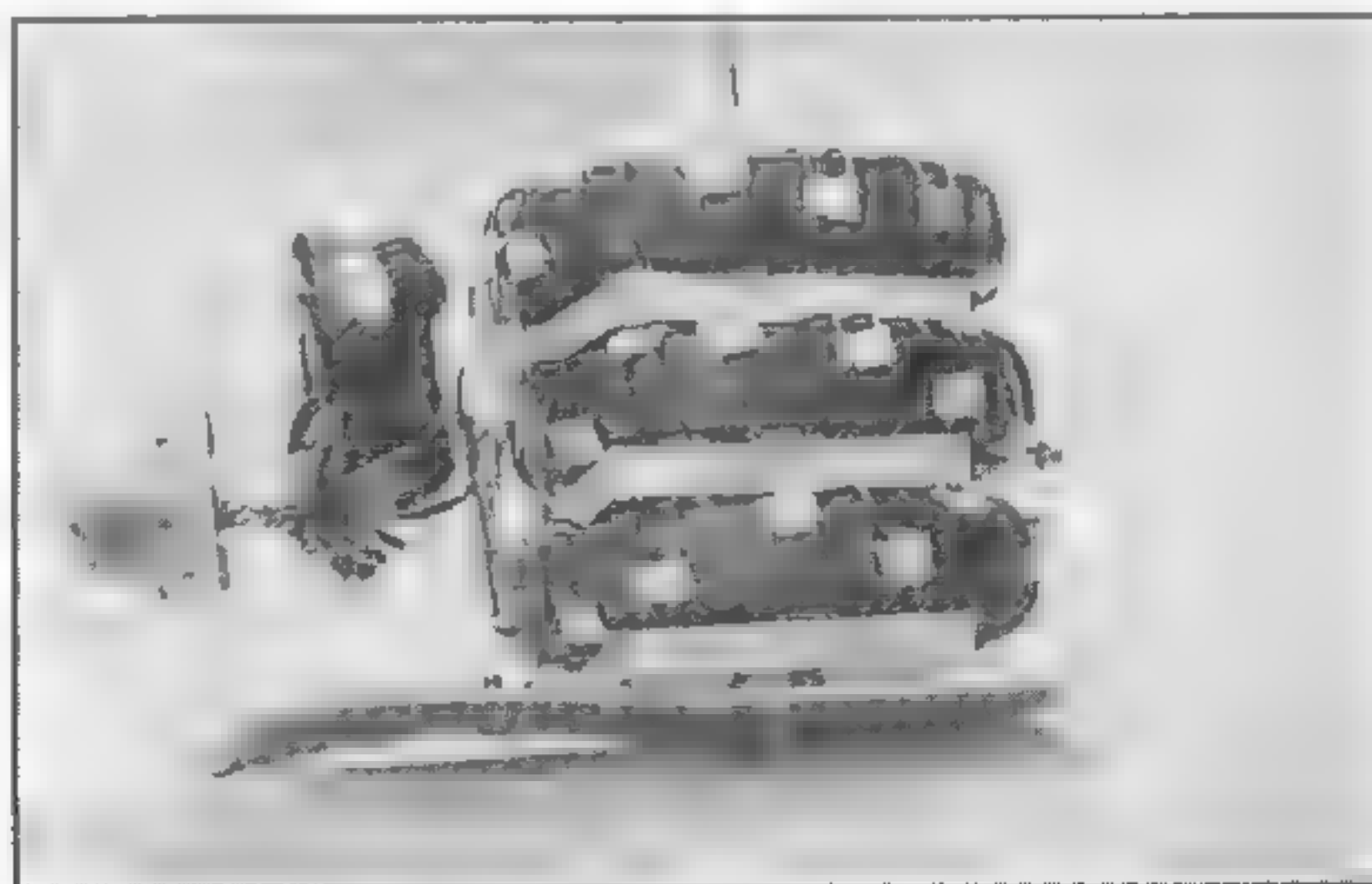


Figure 2 - Photograph of the medium power and broadband W2FMI-12:1-MB600 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1.5:1-LU50 is a low-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 32 ohms. It has a constant transformation ratio of 1.5:1 (actually 1.56:1) from 1MHz to 40MHz. In the reverse direction matching 50 ohms to 75 ohms, the response is flat from 1MHz to 20MHz. A conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Five quinfilar turns are wound on a Amidon PN FT-125-K. The center winding in Figure 1 is No. 16 Formvar SF wire. The other four are No. 18 Formvar SF wire.

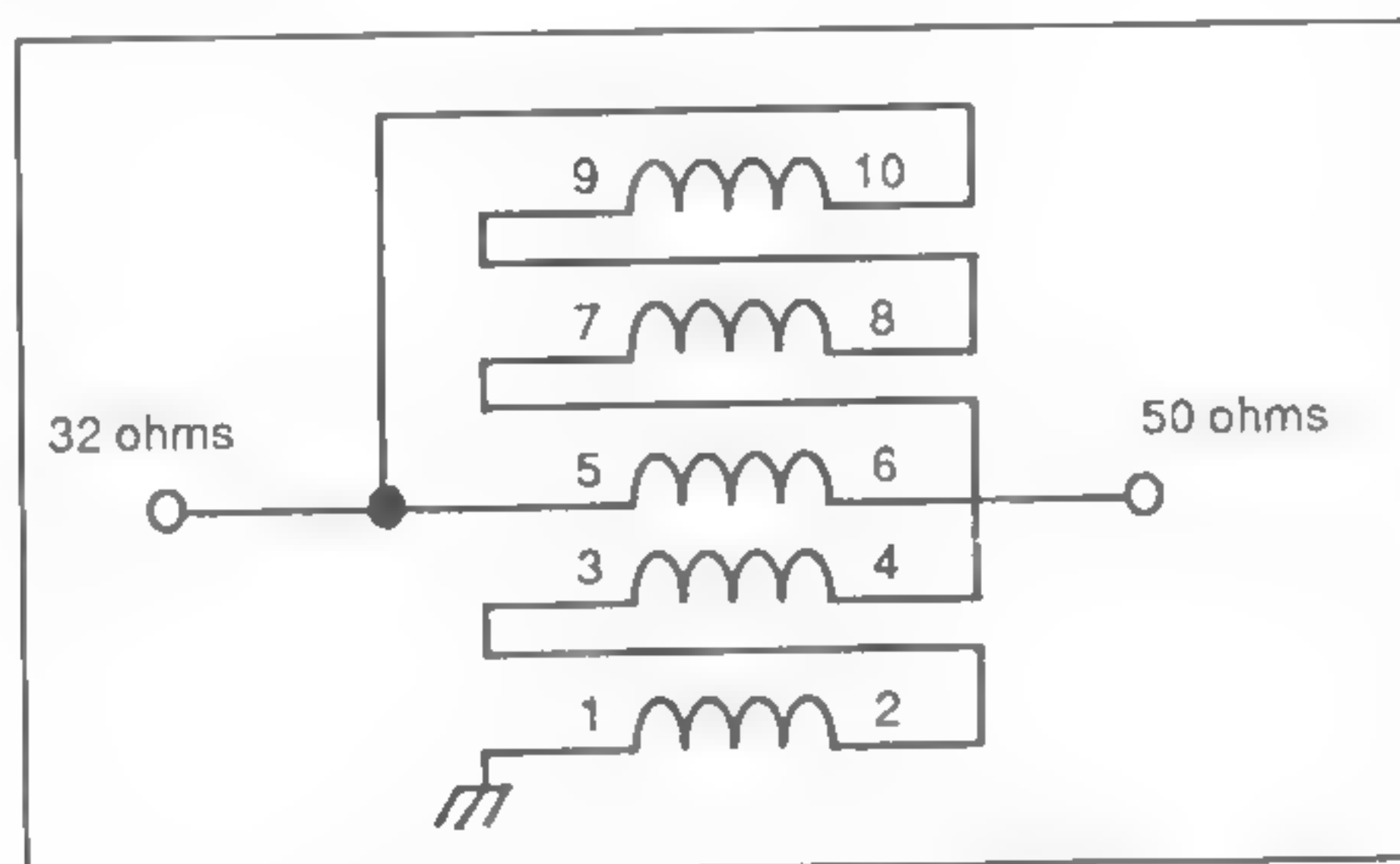


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the quinfilar UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 32 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

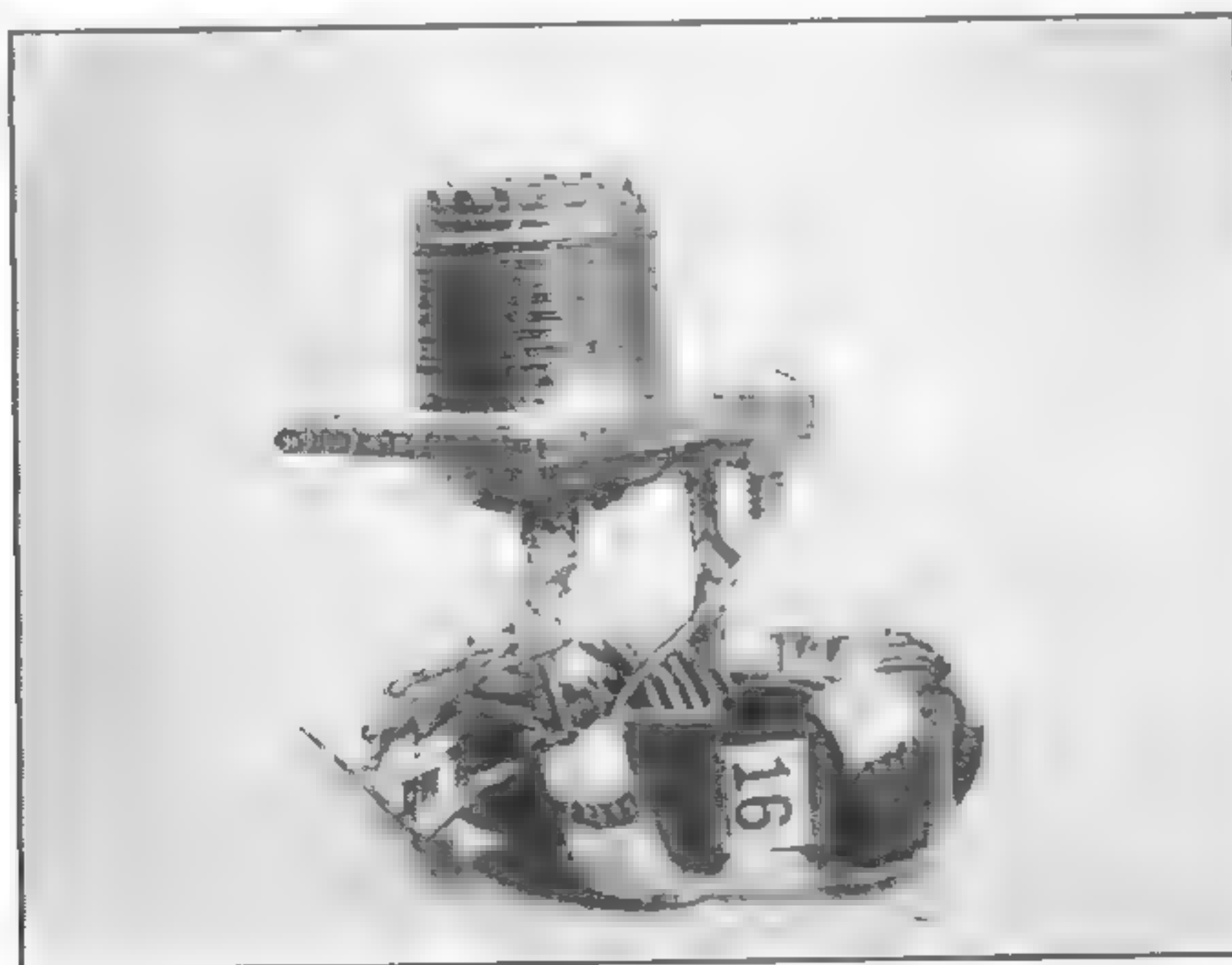


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1.5:1-LU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1.5:1-LU75 is a low-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 75 ohms to 50 ohms. It has a constant impedance transformation of 1.5:1 (actually 1.56:1) from 1MHz to 50MHz. In the reverse direction matching 50 ohms to 32 ohms, the response is flat from 1MHz to 25MHz. A conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Five quintufilar turns are wound on an Amidon FT-125-K. The top winding in Figure 1 is No. 16 Formvar SF wire. The other four are No. 18 Formvar SF wire.

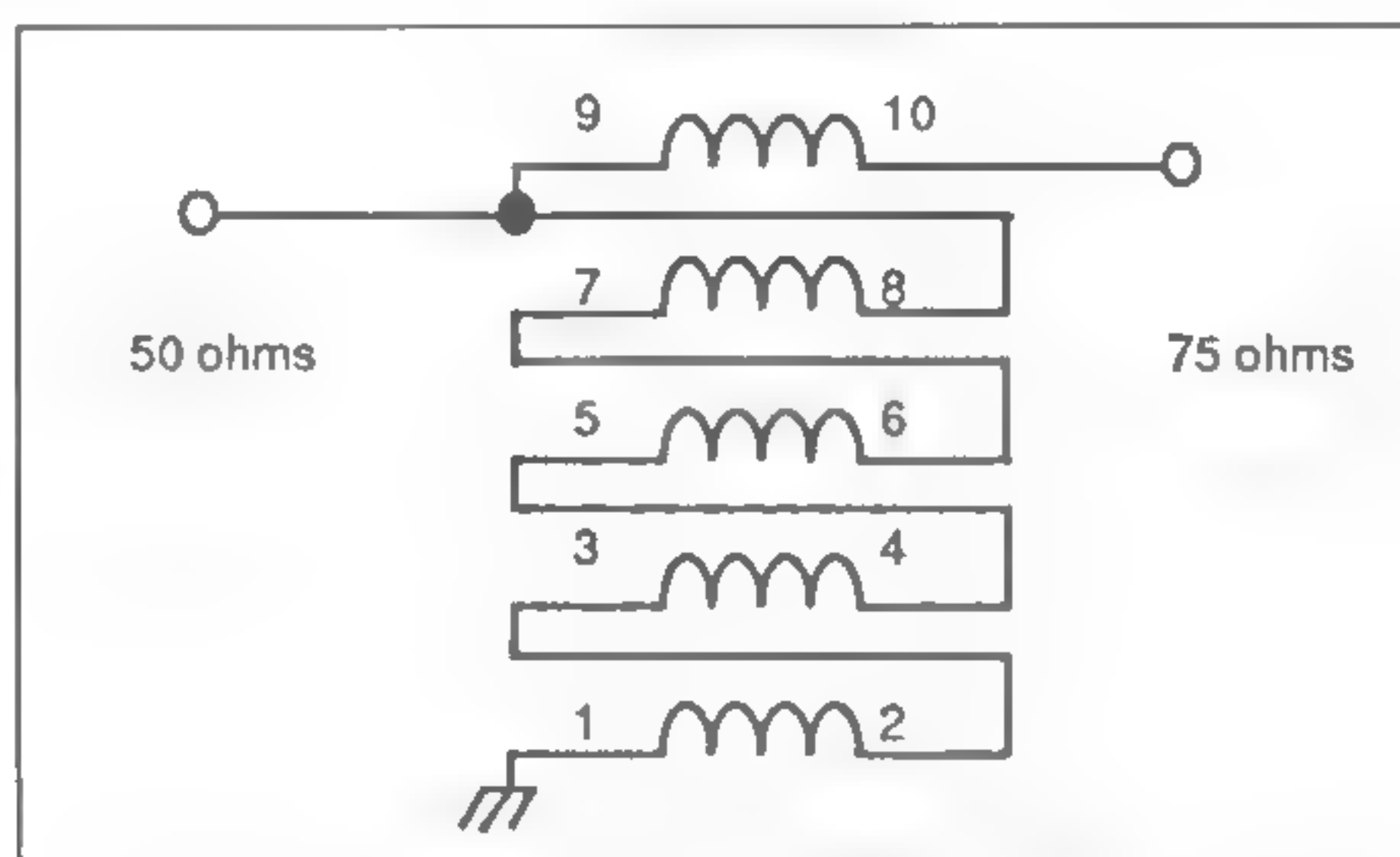


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the quintufilar UNUN transformer designed to match 75 ohms to 50 ohms

C) Photograph

The top-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

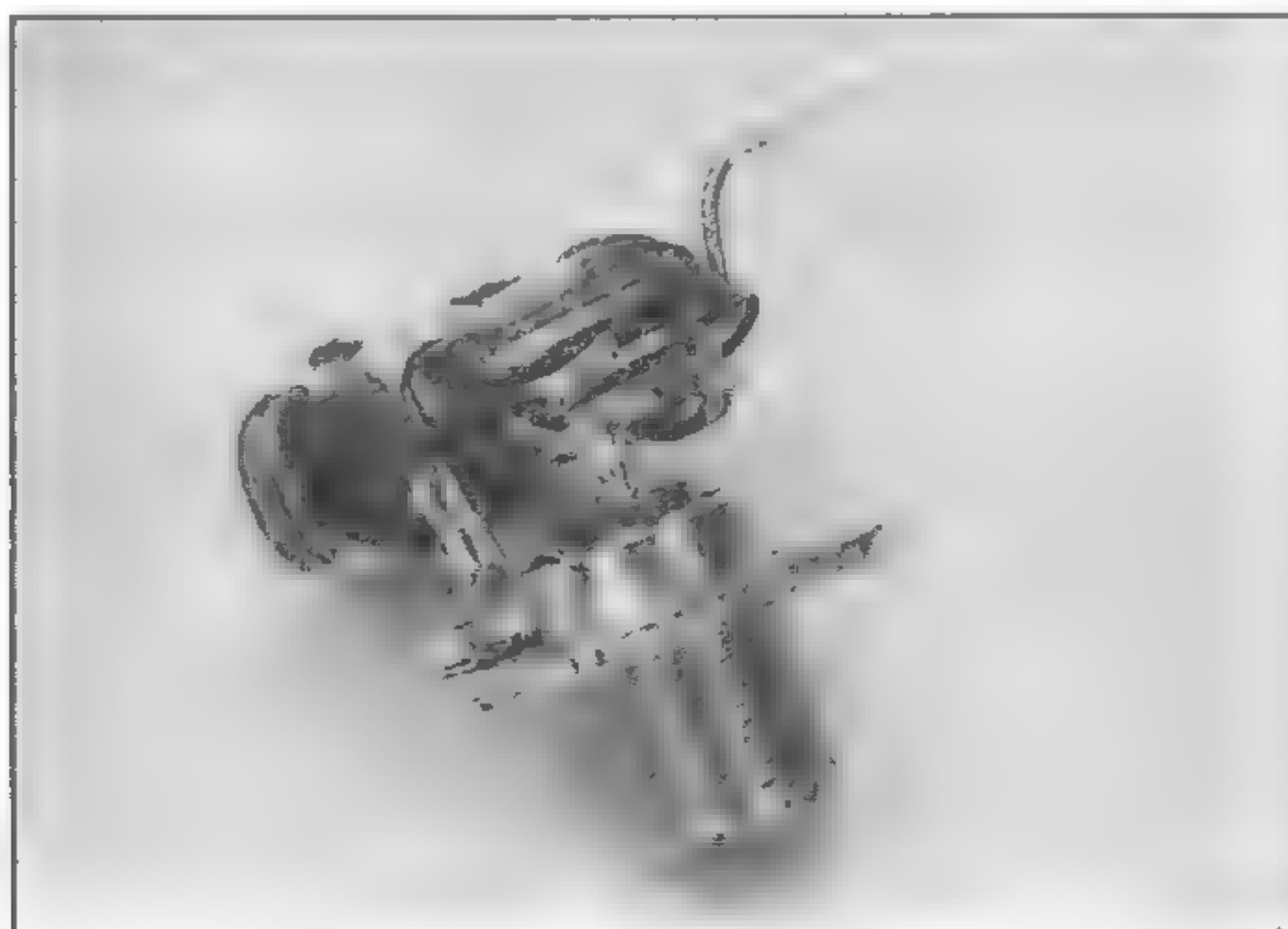


Figure 2 - Top-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1.5:1-LU75 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2.25:1-LU50 is a low-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 22.22 ohms. It has a constant impedance transformation ratio of 2.25:1 from 1MHz to 50MHz. This ratio should satisfy many of the 2:1 requirements. Further, it is much easier to construct since it does not require a tap connection on one of its windings. A conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this very broadband and efficient transformer. Eight trifilar turns of No. 16 Formvar SF wire are wound on an Amidon PN FT-125-K.

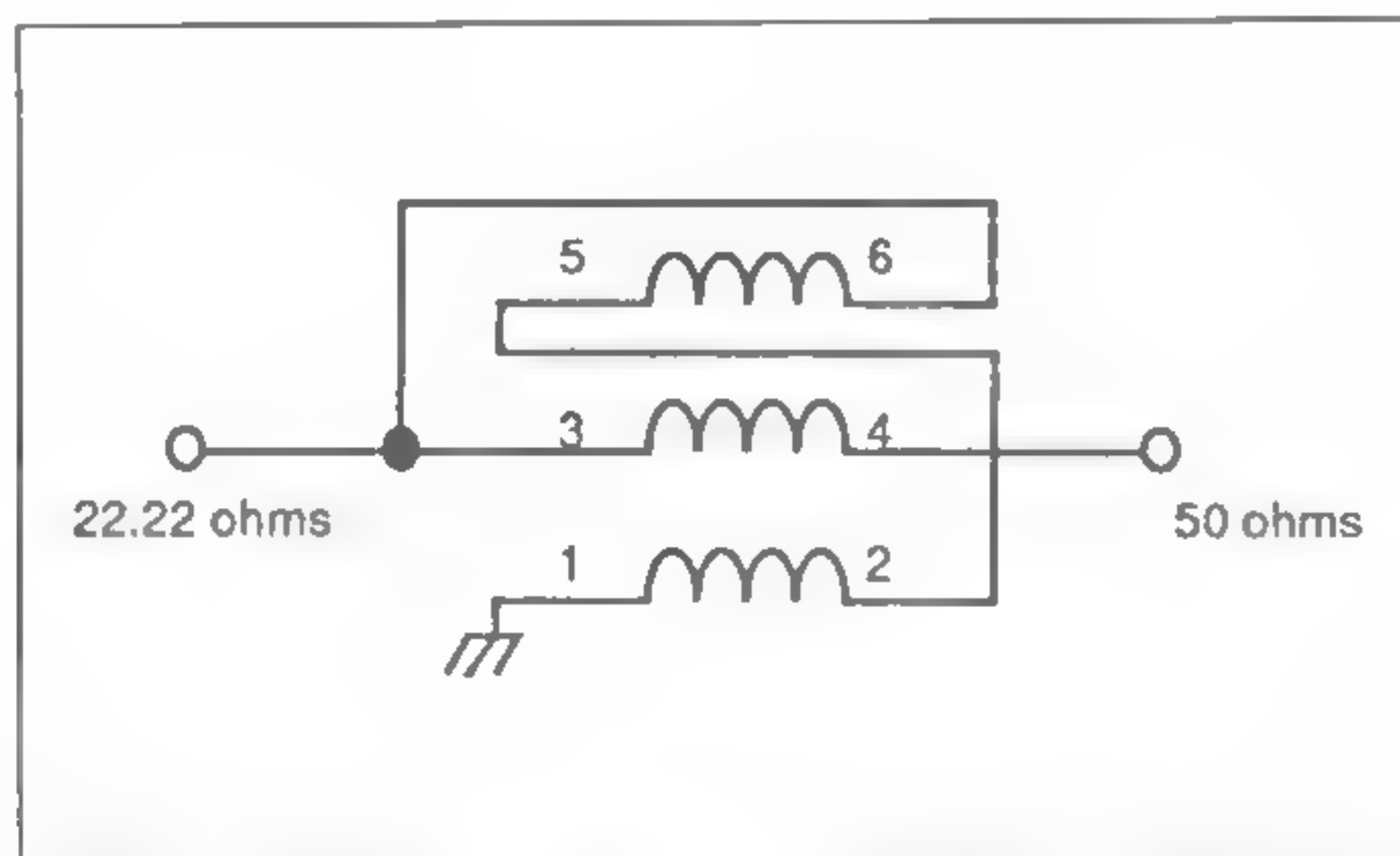


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 22.22 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

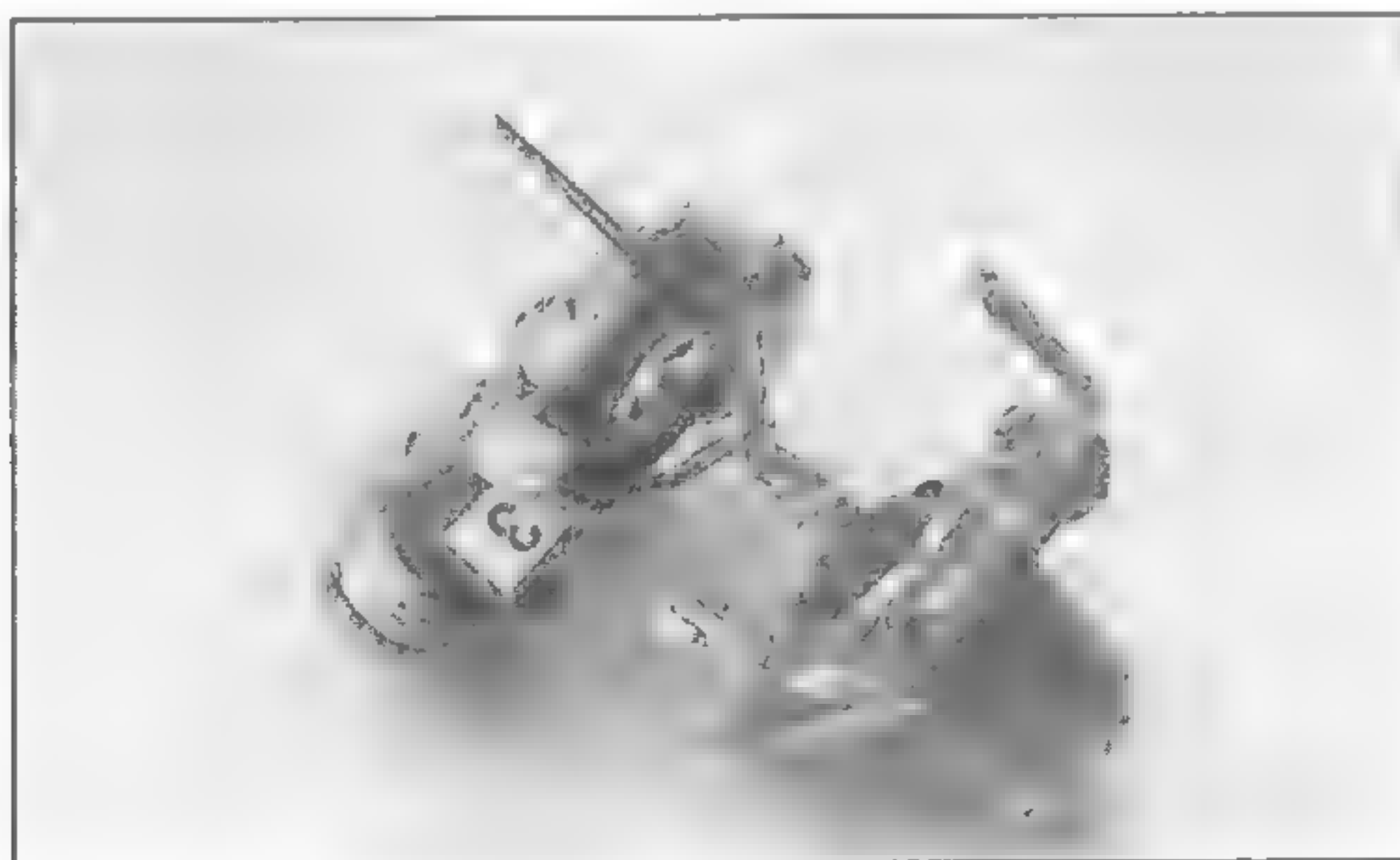


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-2.25:1-LU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2:1-LU50 is a low-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 25 ohms. It has a constant impedance transformation ratio of 2:1 from 1MHz to 40MHz. A conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Eight trifilar turns of No. 16 H. Formvar SF wire are wound on an Amidon PN FT-125-K. The center winding in Figure 1 is tapped at seven turns from terminal 3.

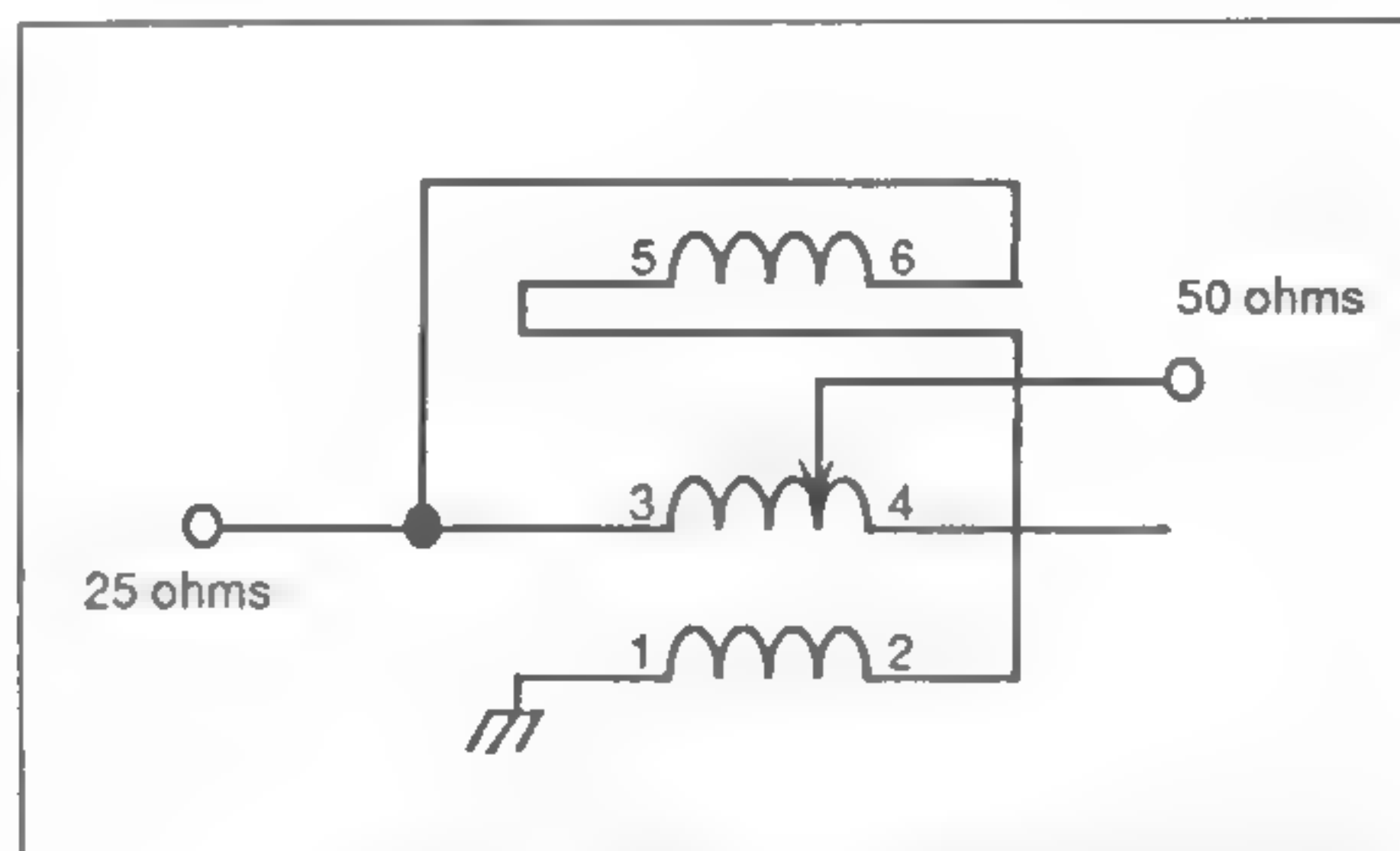


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 25 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

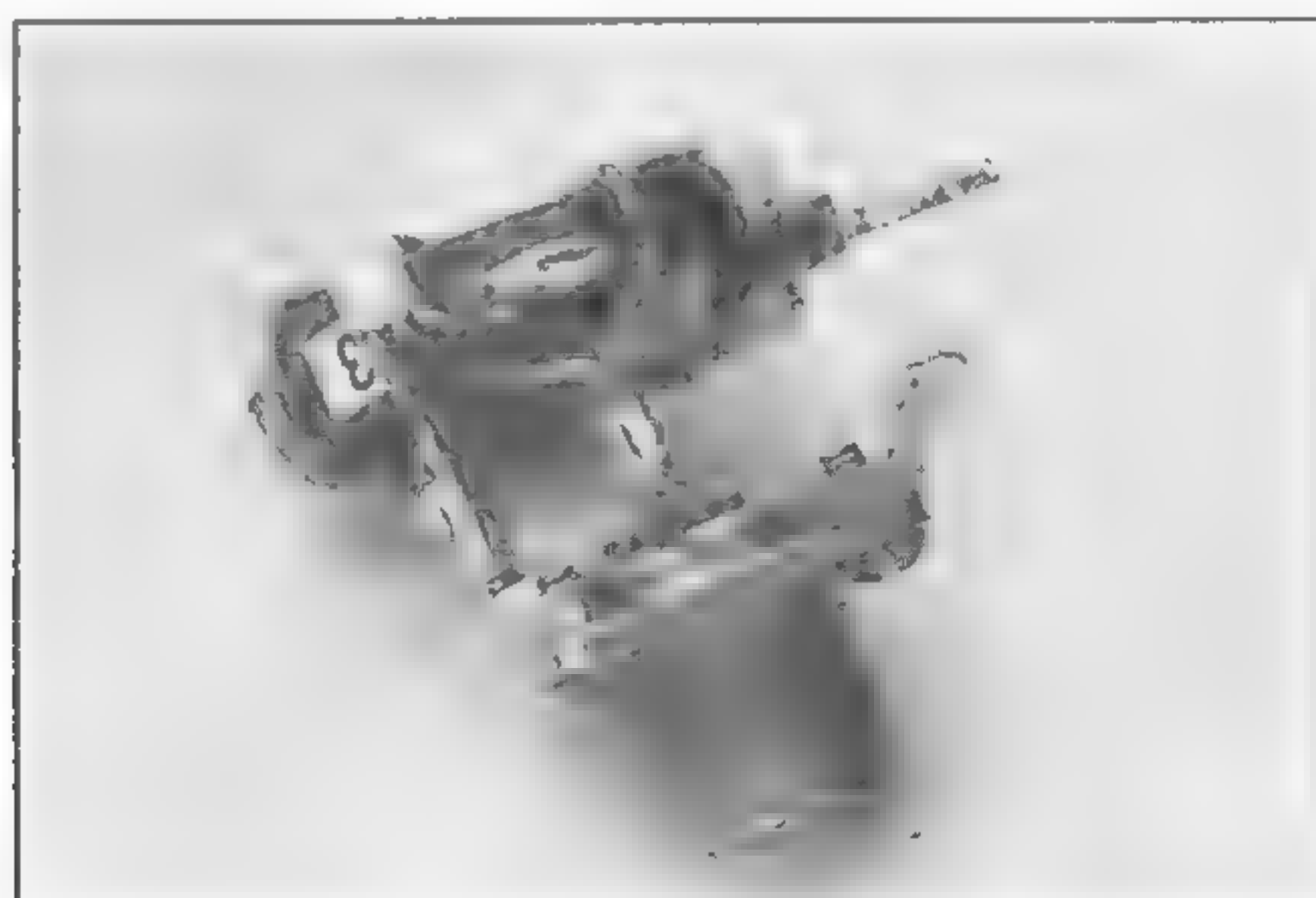


Figure 2-Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband dual-output W2FMI-2:1-LU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2:1-LDU50 is a low-power dual-output unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 22.22 ohms or 25 ohms. In matching 50 ohms to 22.22 ohms (2.25:1), the impedance transformation ratio is constant from 1MHz to 50 MHz. In matching 50 ohms to 25 ohms (2:1), it is constant from 1MHz to 40 MHz. A conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Eight trifilar turns of No. 16 Formvar SF wire are wound on an Amidon PN FT-125-K. The center winding in Figure 1 is tapped at seven turns from terminal 3 yielding the 2:1 ratio (connection A). With connection B, the ratio is 2.25:1.

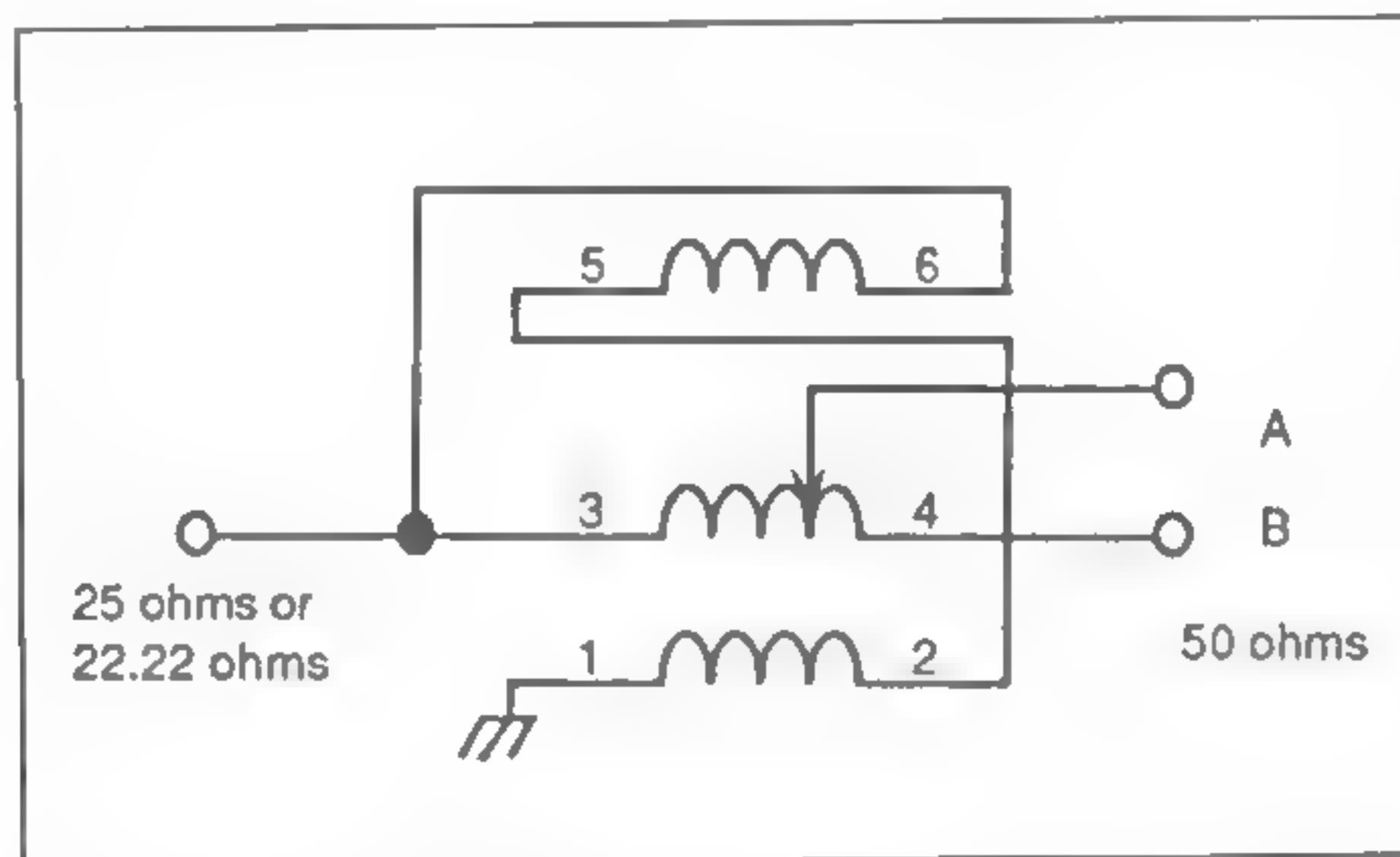


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar dual-output UNUN transformer. A connection of 50 ohms to A yields a 2.25:1 ratio

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

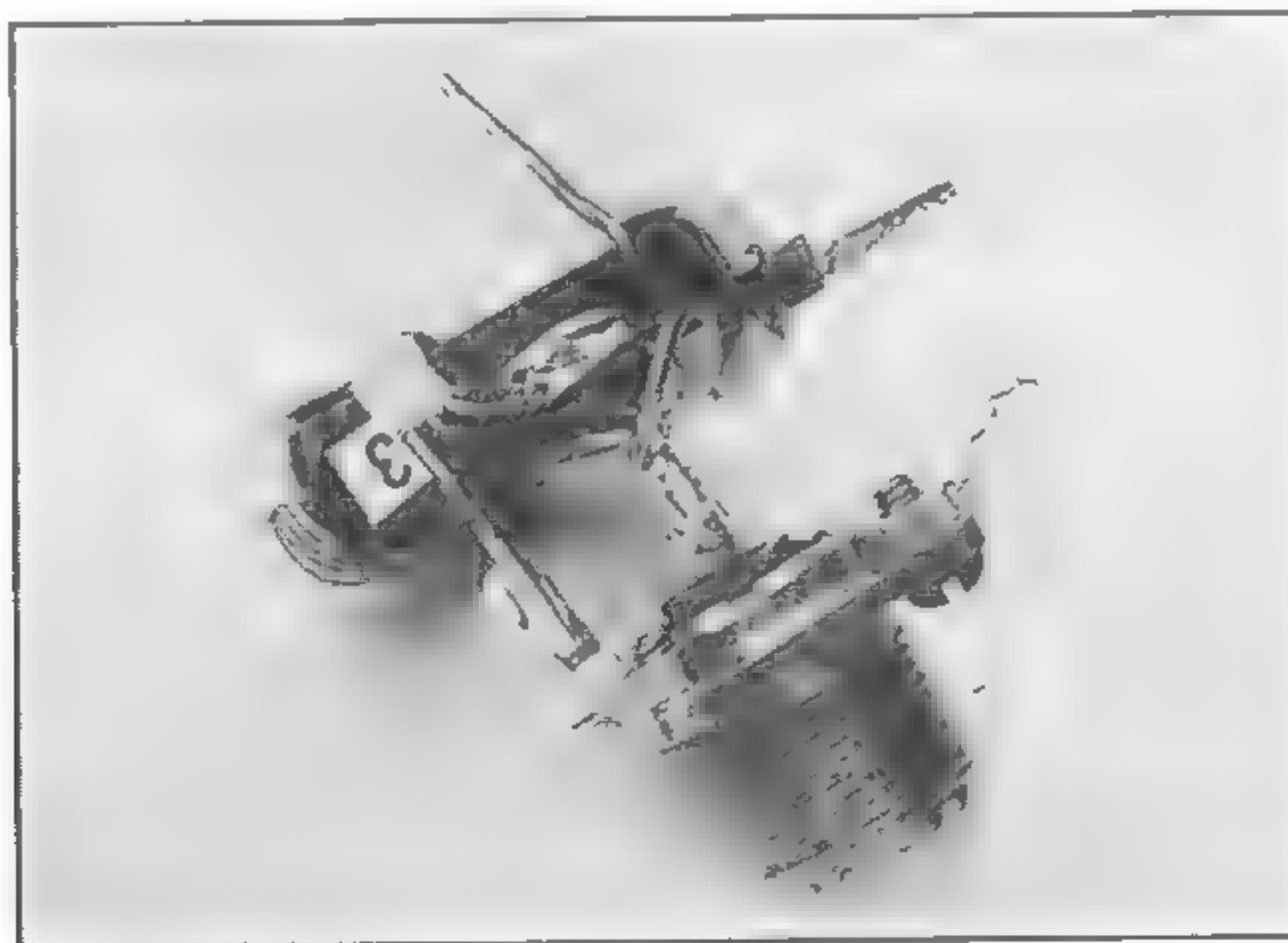


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband dual-output W2FMI-2:1-LDU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2.25:1-LU112.5 is a low-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 112.5 ohms to 50 ohms. It has a impedance transformation ratio of 2.25:1 from 1MHz to 30MHz. A conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Ten trifilar turns of No. 18 Formvar SF wire are wound on an Amidon PN FT-125-K

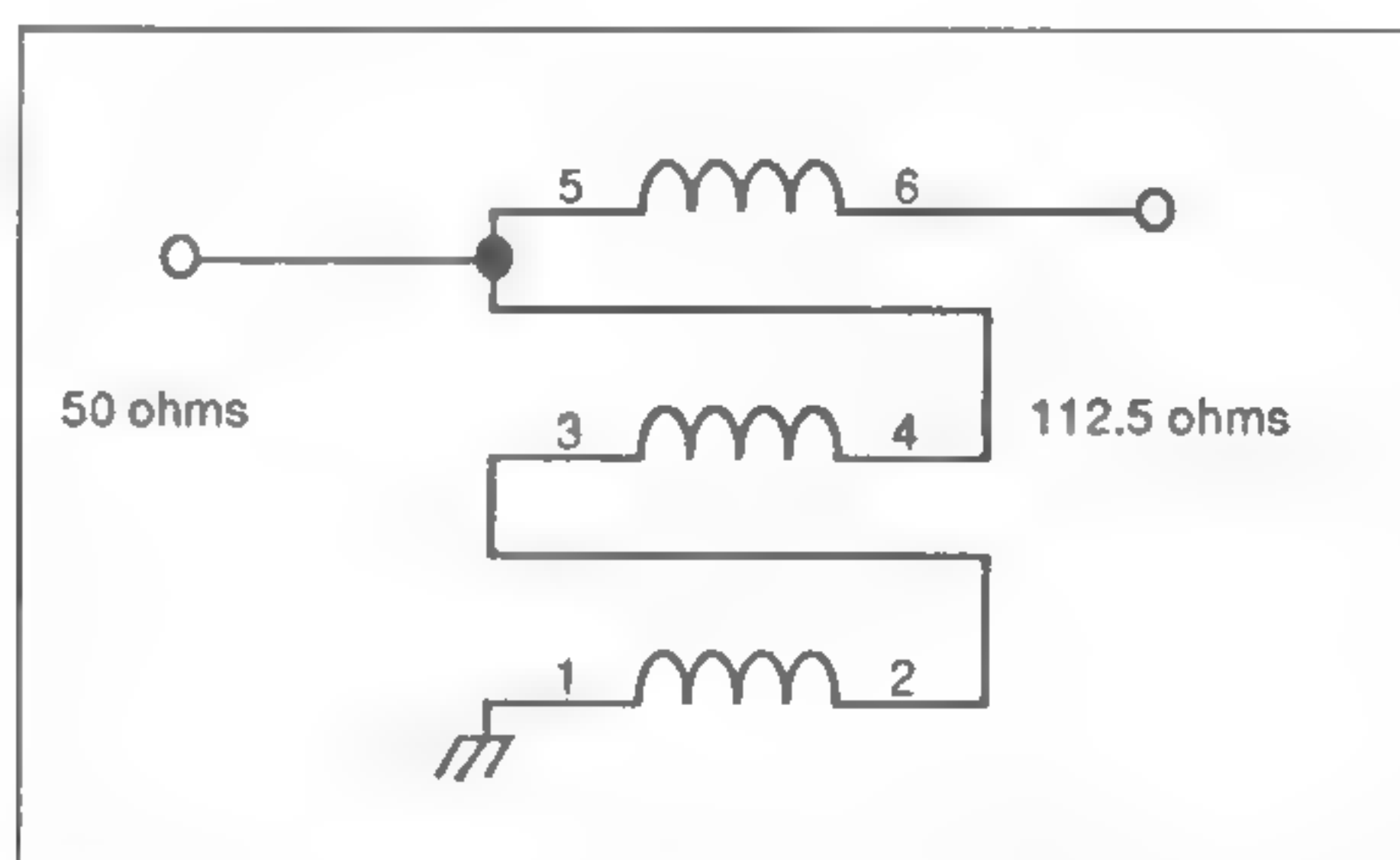


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 112.5 ohms to 50 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

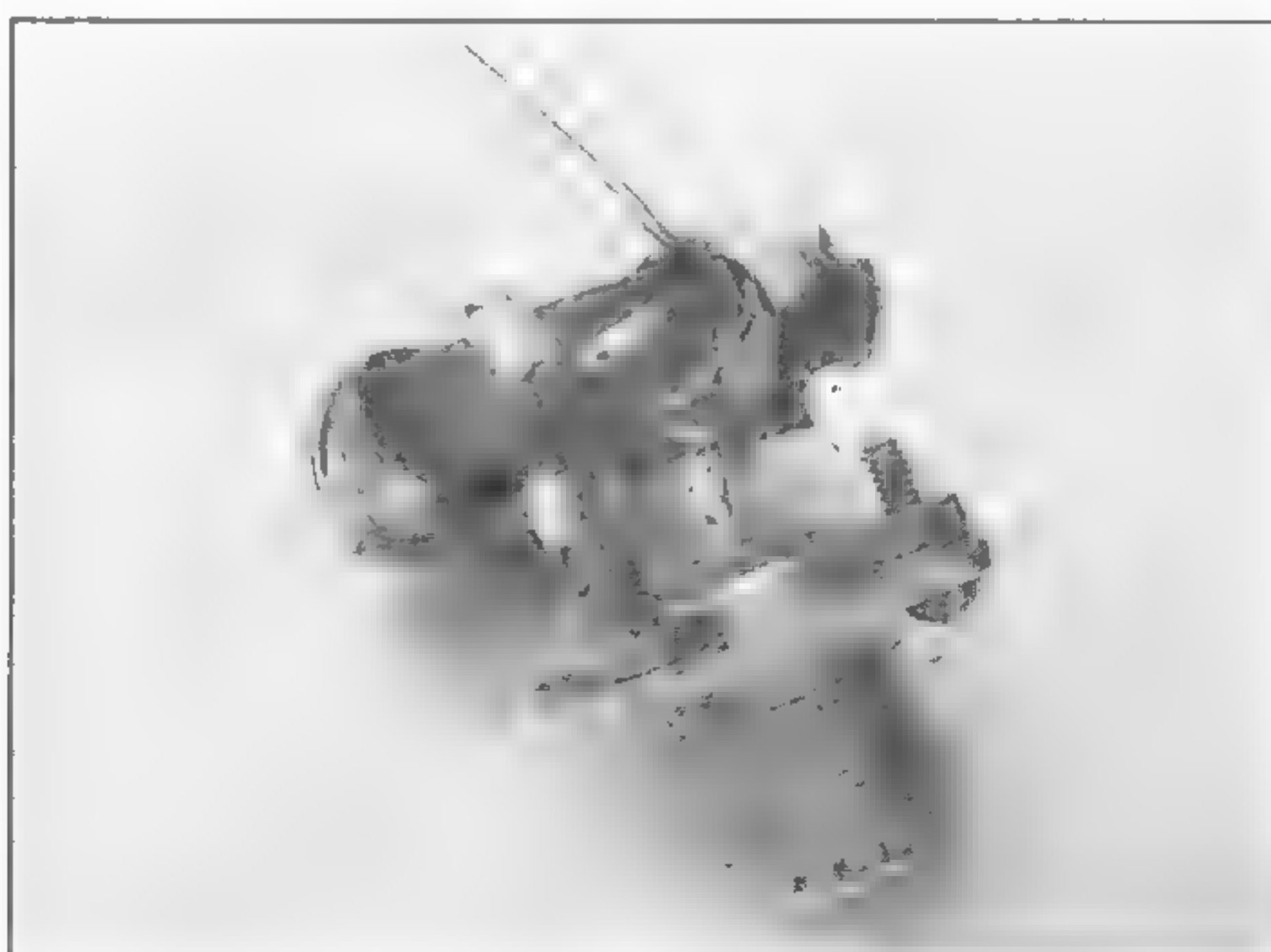


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-2.25:1-LU112.5 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2:1-LU100 is a low-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 100 ohms to 50 ohms. It has a constant impedance transformation ratio of 2:1 from 1MHz to 25MHz. A conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Ten trifilar turns of No. 18 Formvar SF wire are wound on an Amidon FT-125-K. The top winding in Figure 1 is tapped at eight turns from terminal 5 resulting in the 2:1 ratio

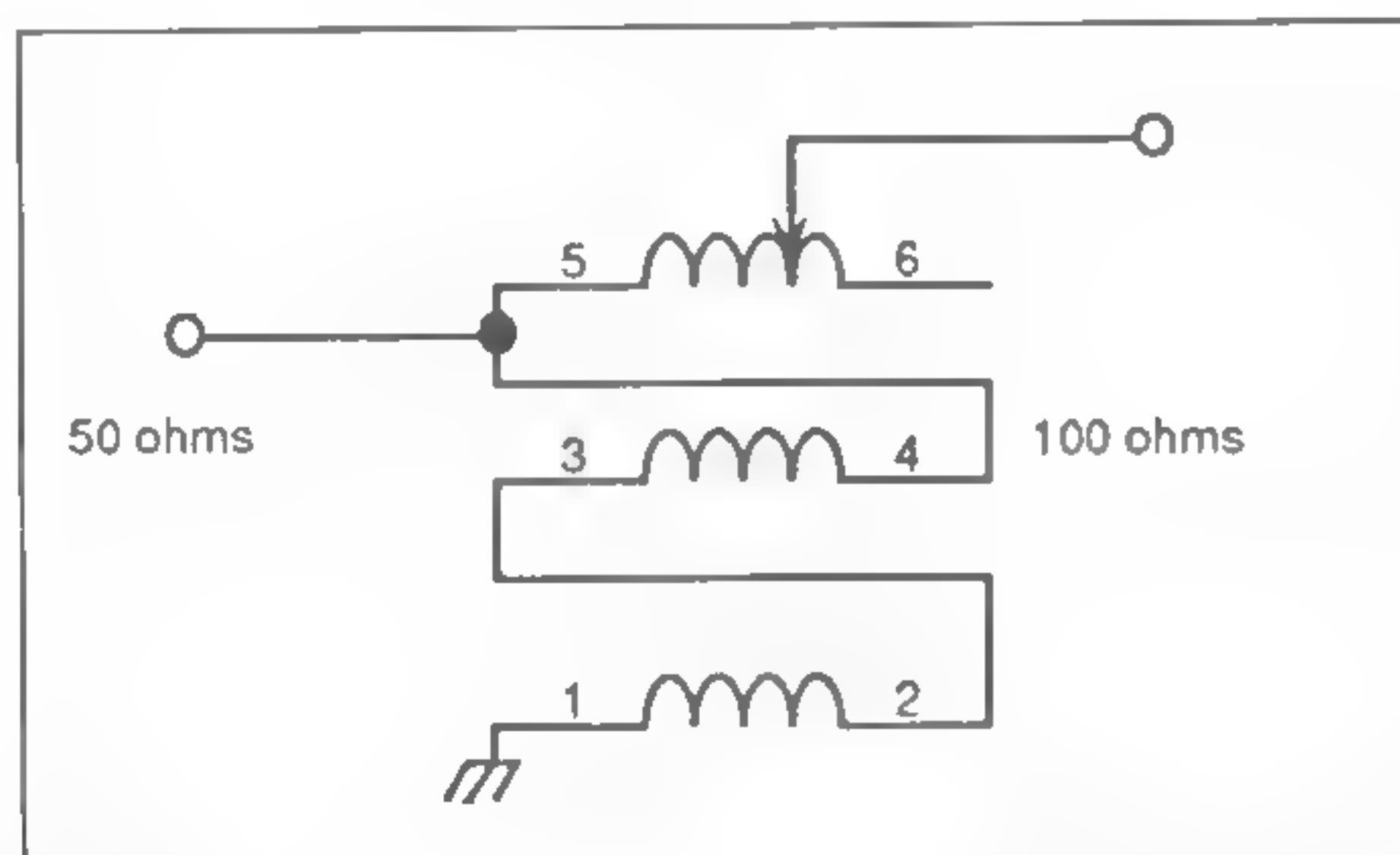


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 100 ohms to 50 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

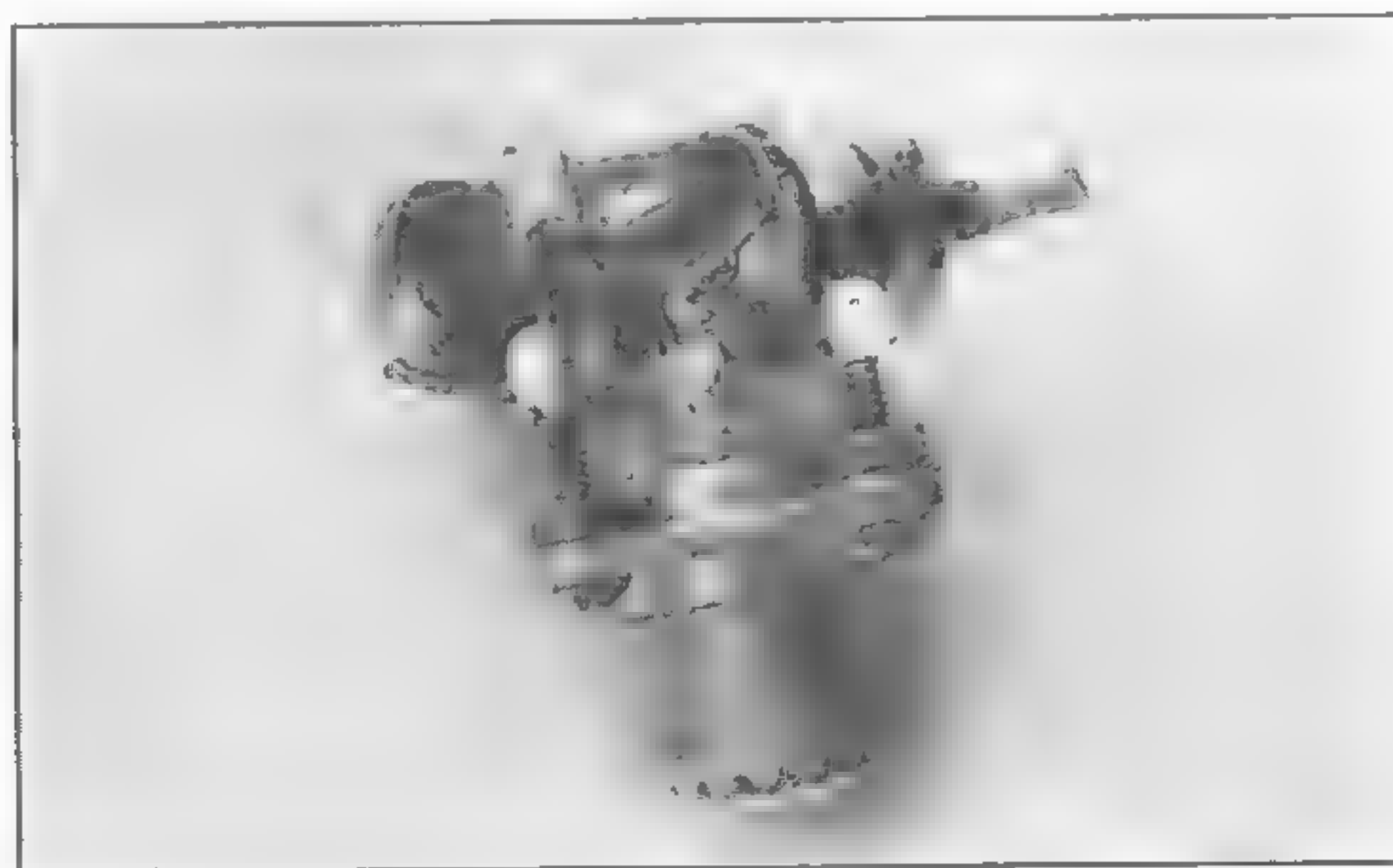


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-2:1-LU100 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2:1-LDU100 is a low-power, dual-output unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 112.5 ohms to 50 ohms or 100 ohms to 50 ohms. In matching 112.5 ohms to 50 ohms, the impedance transformation ratio of 2.25:1 is constant from 1MHz to 30MHz. In matching 100 ohms to 50 ohms, the ratio of 2:1 is constant from 1MHz to 25MHz. A conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Ten trifilar turns of No. 18 Formvar SF wire are wound on an Amidon PN FT-125-K. The top winding in Figure 1 is tapped at eight turns from terminal 5 giving the 2:1 ratio (connection A). With connection B, the impedance ratio is 2.25:1.

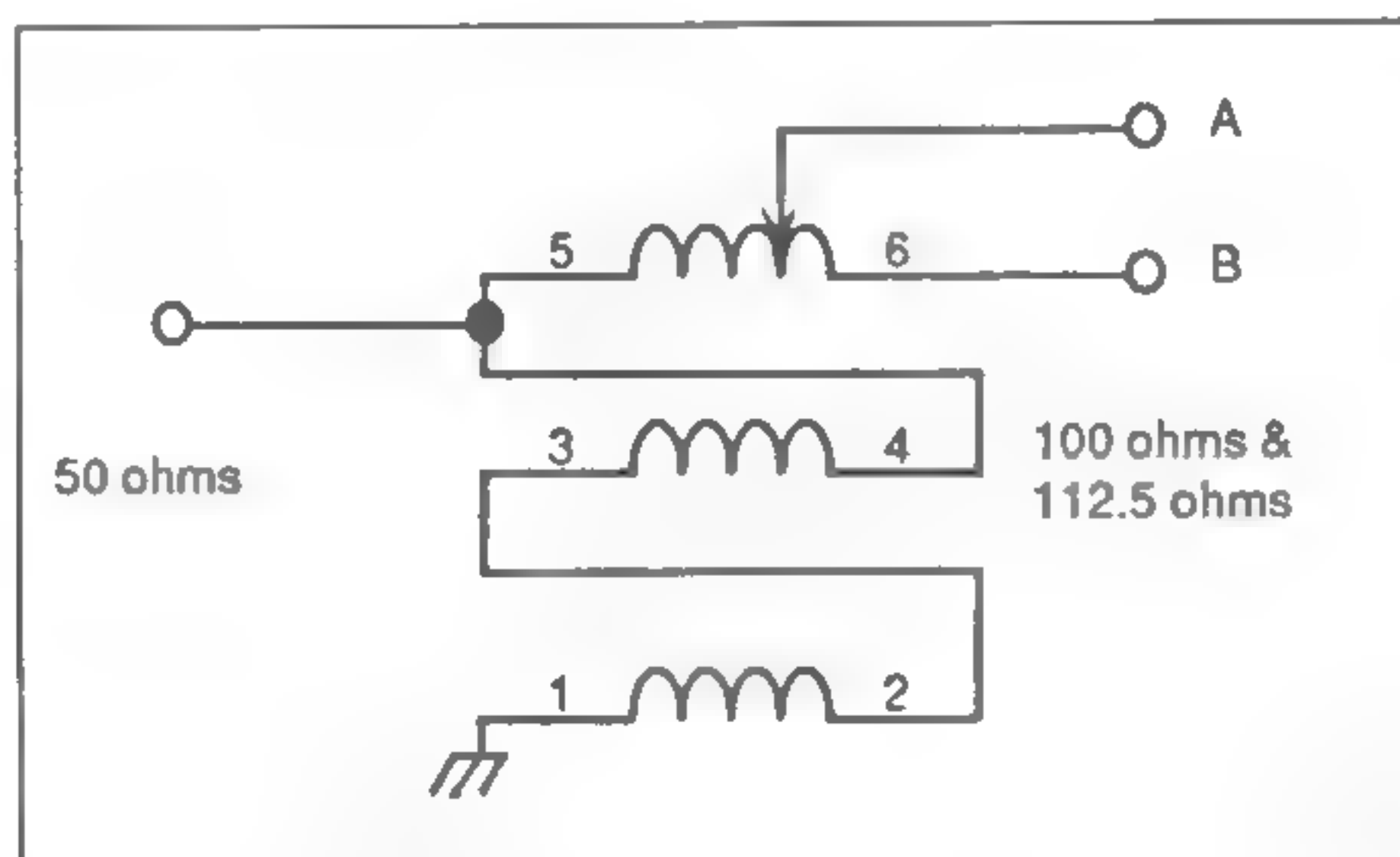


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 25 ohms

C) Photograph

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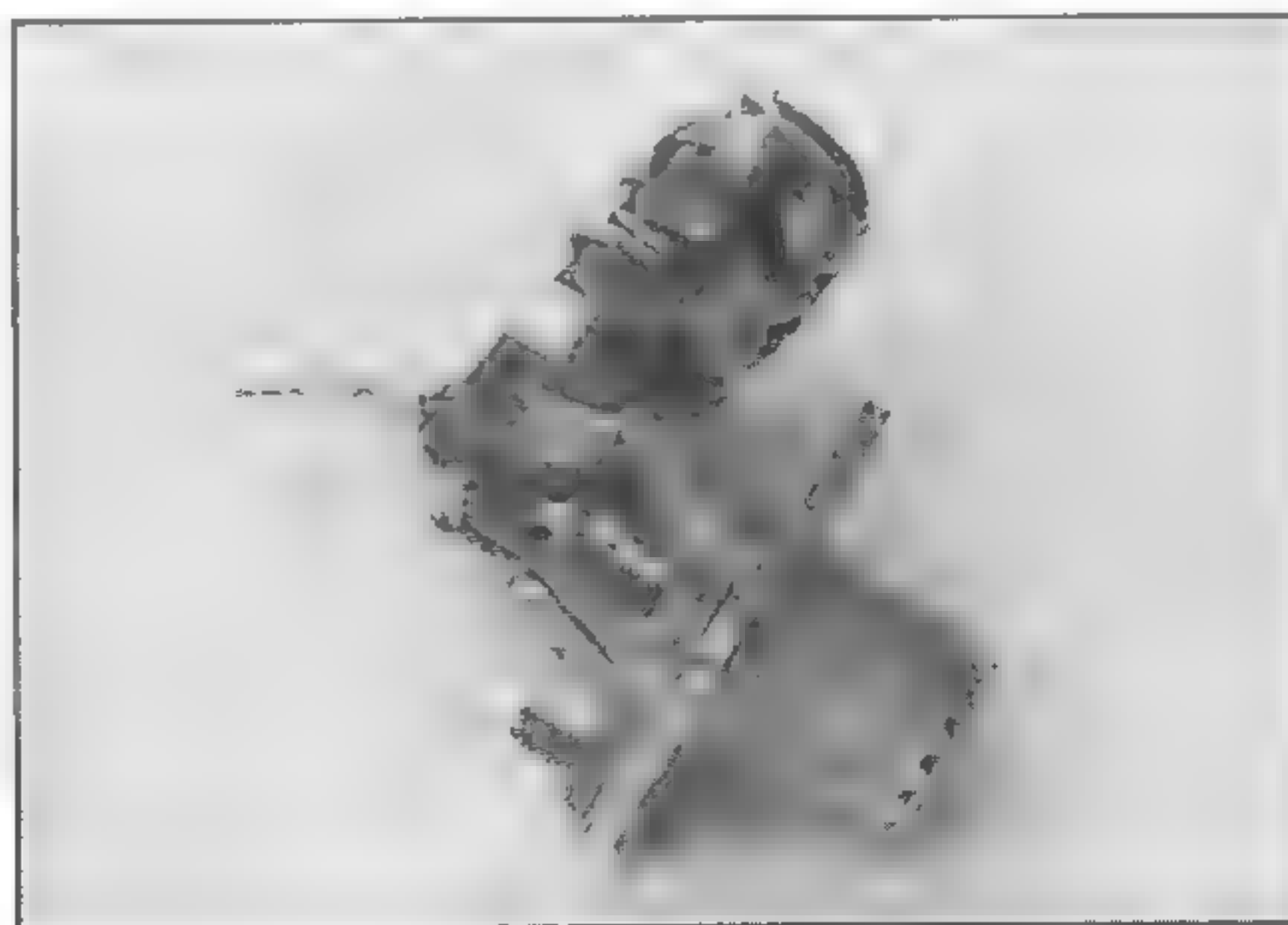


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-2:1-LDU100 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-2:1-LRU50 is a low-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms. It uses a tight bifilar winding on a rod core resulting in the optimized characteristic impedance of 25 ohms which is required in a 50:12.5-ohm transformer (for maximum high-frequency response). When matching 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms, the impedance transformation ratio is constant from 1MHz. A very conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. It is the Ruthroff 4:1 unun which uses a single transmission line in the "boot-strap" configuration. There are twenty bifilar turns of No. 16 Formvar SF wire on an Amidon PN R61-025-400 (3.5-inches long, ferrite rod with a permeability of 125).

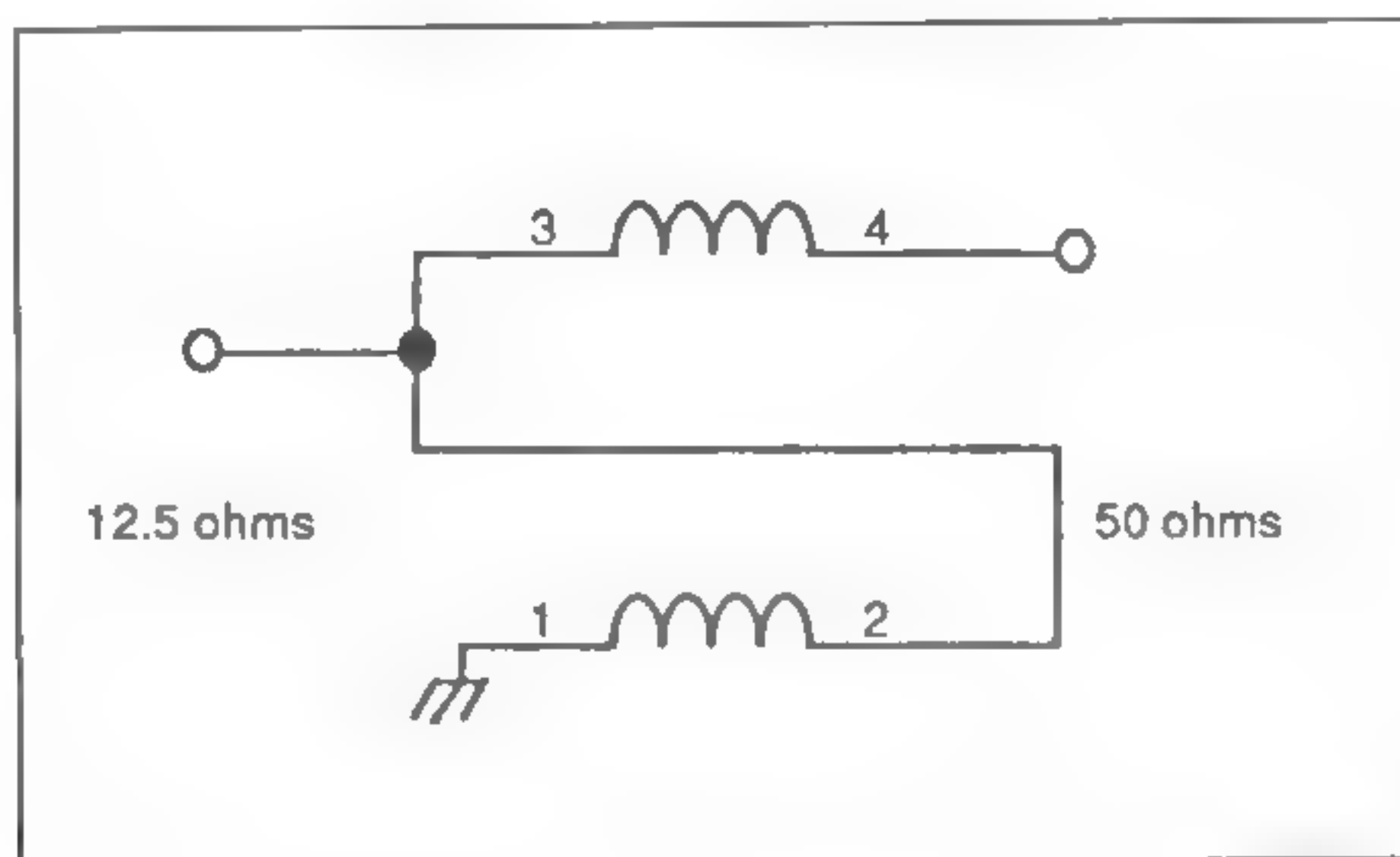


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Ruthroff UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

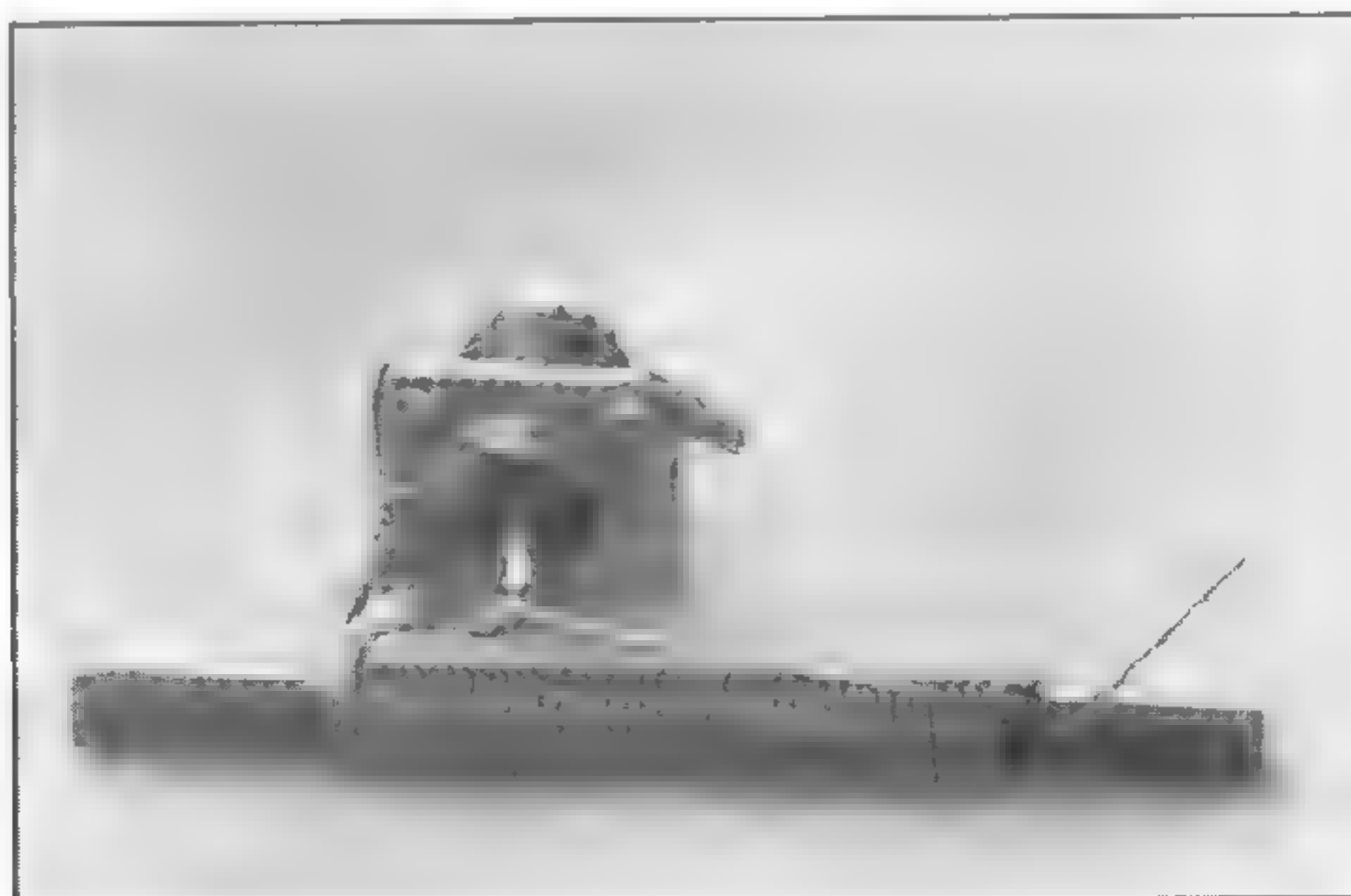


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-4:1-LRU100 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-4:1-LFU50 is a low-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms. It uses the trifilar, "floating-third-wire," winding. This results in a characteristic impedance, on a toroid, near the 25 ohm which is optimum in a 50:12.5-ohm transformer. At this impedance ratio level, the transformation ratio of 4:1 is constant from 1MHz to 40MHz. A very conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. It is the "floating-third-wire" configuration which results in a trifilar winding (on a toroid) approaching the optimized value of 25 ohms for a 50:12.5-ohm transformer. There are eight trifilar turns of No. 16 Formvar SF wire on an Amidon FT-125-K.

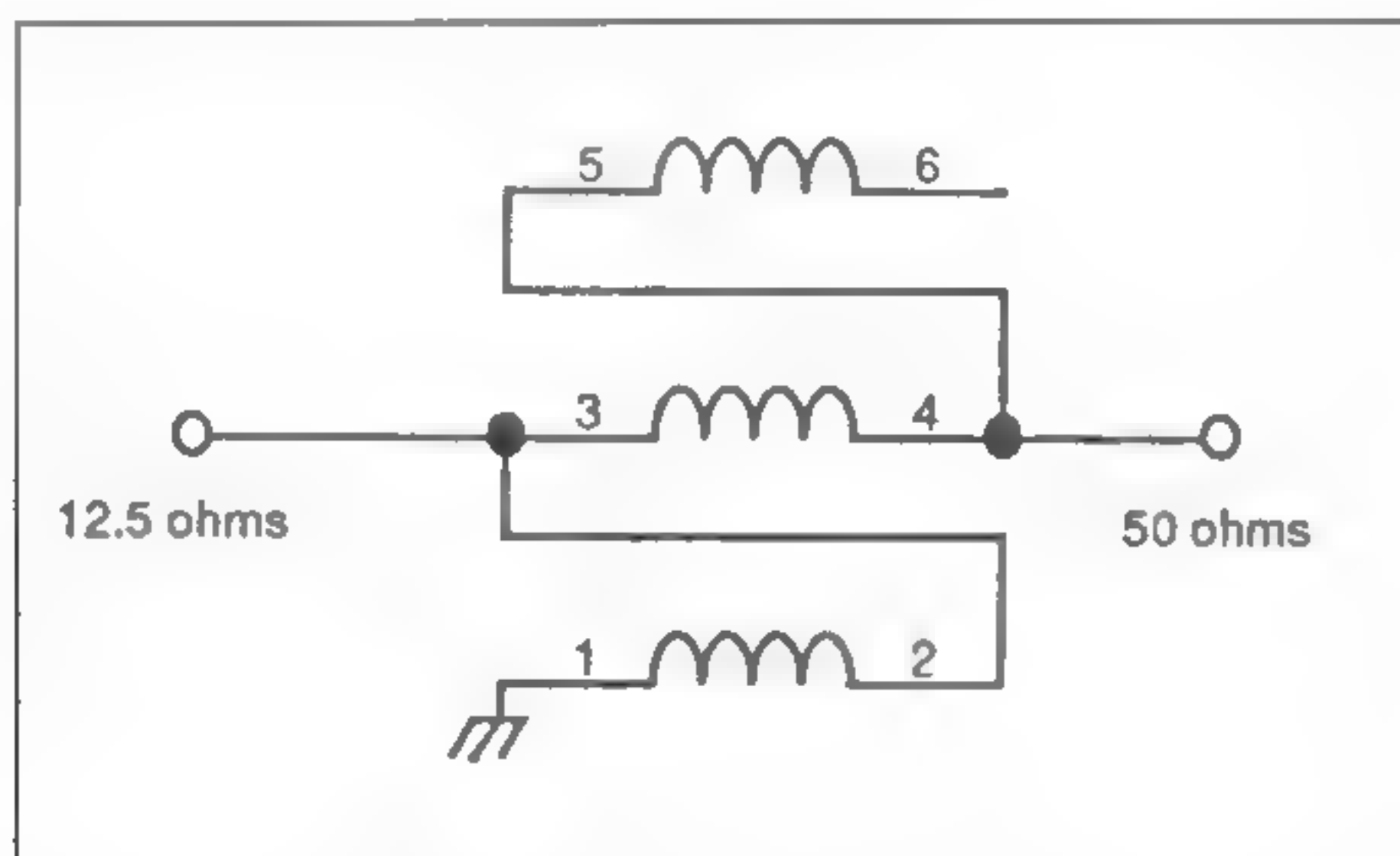


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the "floating-third wire" UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

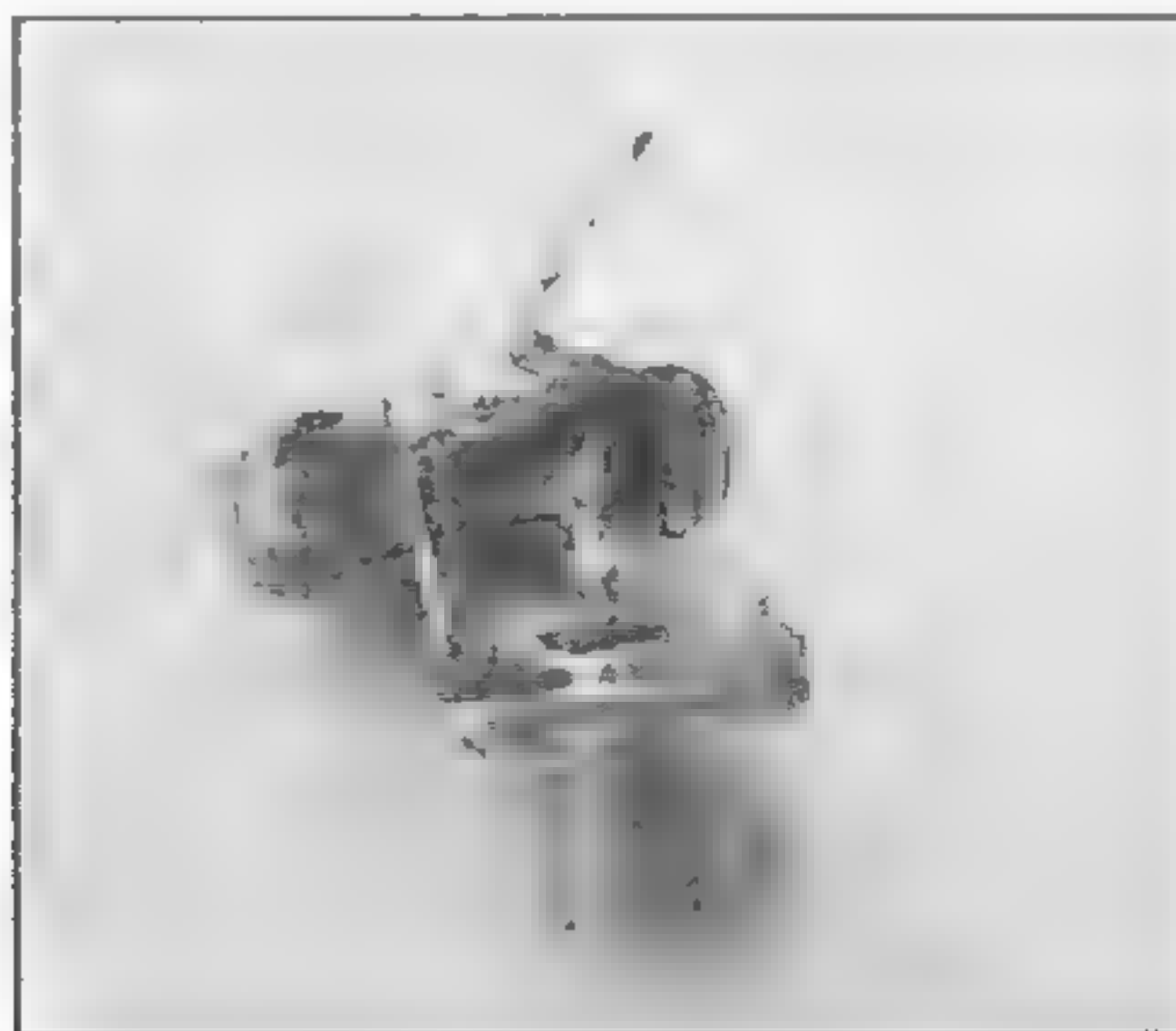


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-4:1-LFU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-4:1-LCU50 is a low-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms. It uses a low-impedance coaxial cable (22 ohms) in the Ruthroff "boot-strap" configuration. Because of lower parasitic capacitance, it has a higher frequency capability than its bifilar-wire counterpart. In matching 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms, the impedance transformation ratio of 4:1 is constant from 1MHz to 50MHz. A very conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this very broadband and highly efficient transformer. There are eight turns of low-impedance coaxial cable on an Amidon FT-125-K. The inner-conductor of No. 16 H Imideze wire has two layers of Scotch No. 92 tape. The outer-braid is from RG174/U cable. The characteristic impedance is 22 ohms.

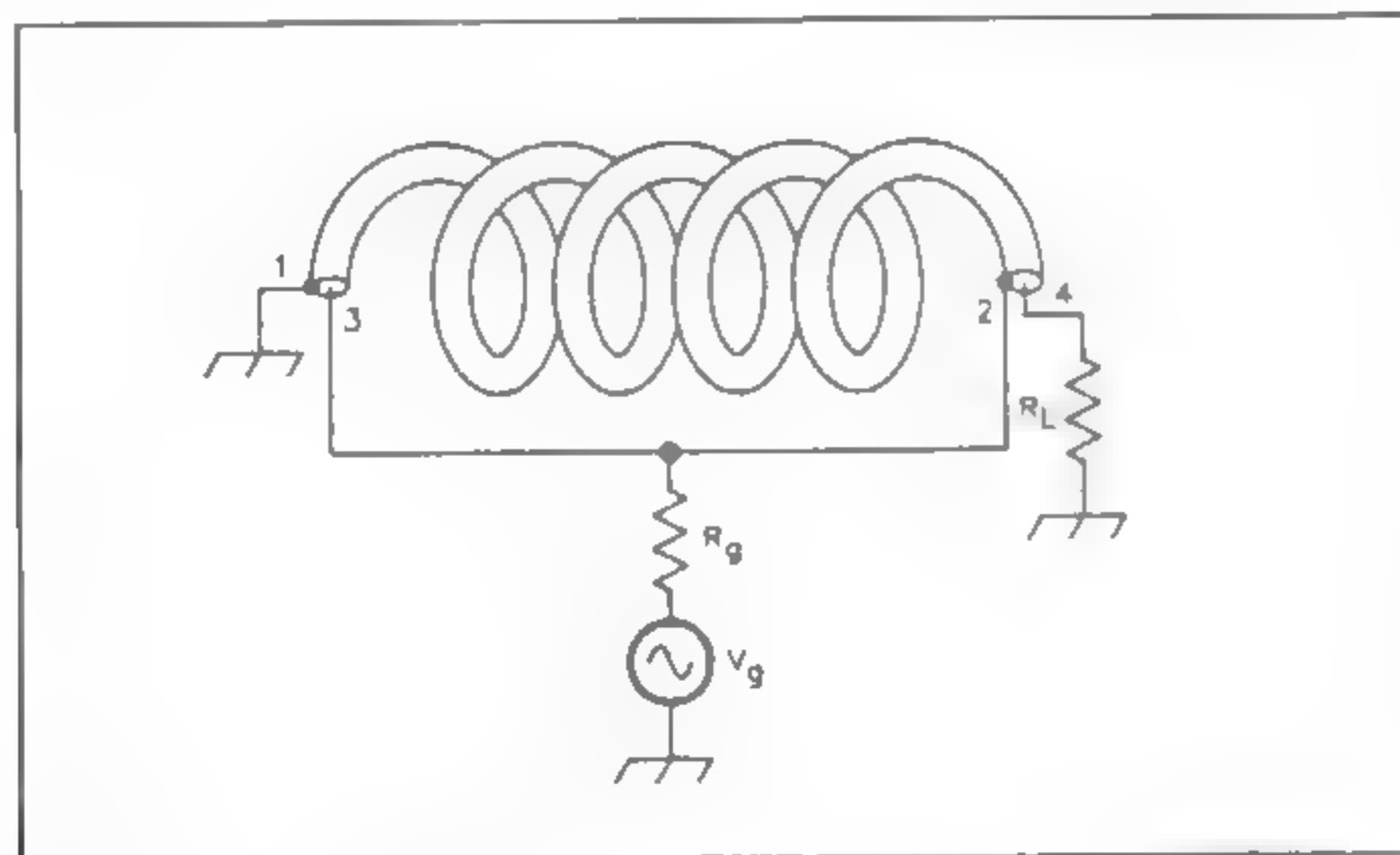


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the coaxial cable version of the Ruthroff 4:1 UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

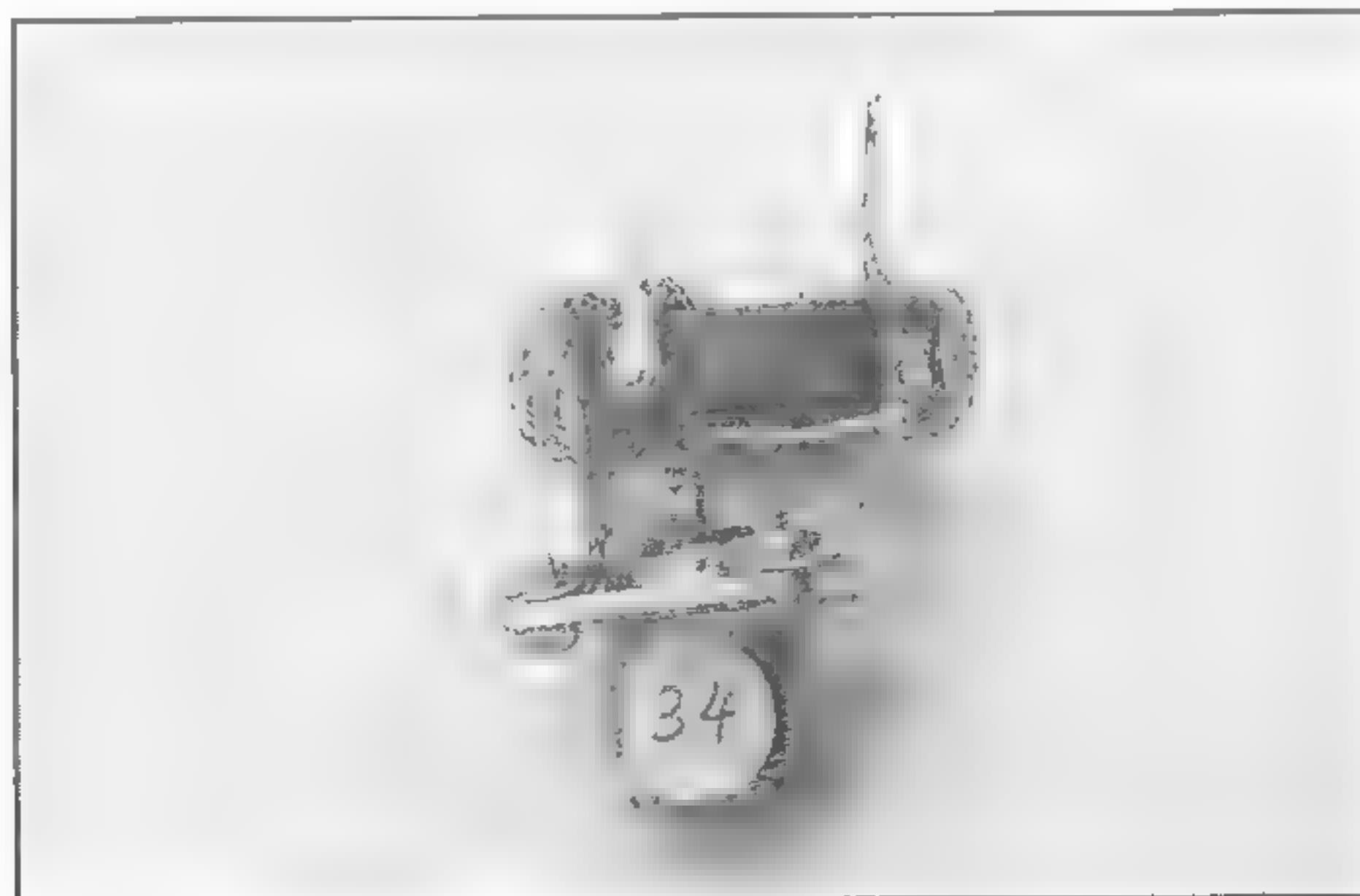


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-4:1-LCU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-9:1-LU50 is a low-power unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 5.56 ohms. Since the transmission lines are very short, this transformer has a remarkably wide bandwidth. When matching 50 ohms to 5.56 ohms, the impedance transformation ratio of 9:1 is constant from 1MHz to over 30MHz. Also, since it uses rather thick wires in order to achieve low characteristic impedances of the windings, it has a very high-power capability. A very conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this very broadband and highly efficient transformer. Six trifilar turns are wound on an FT-125-K. The center winding in Figure 1 is No. 14 Formvar SF wire. The other two are No. 16 Formvar SF wire.

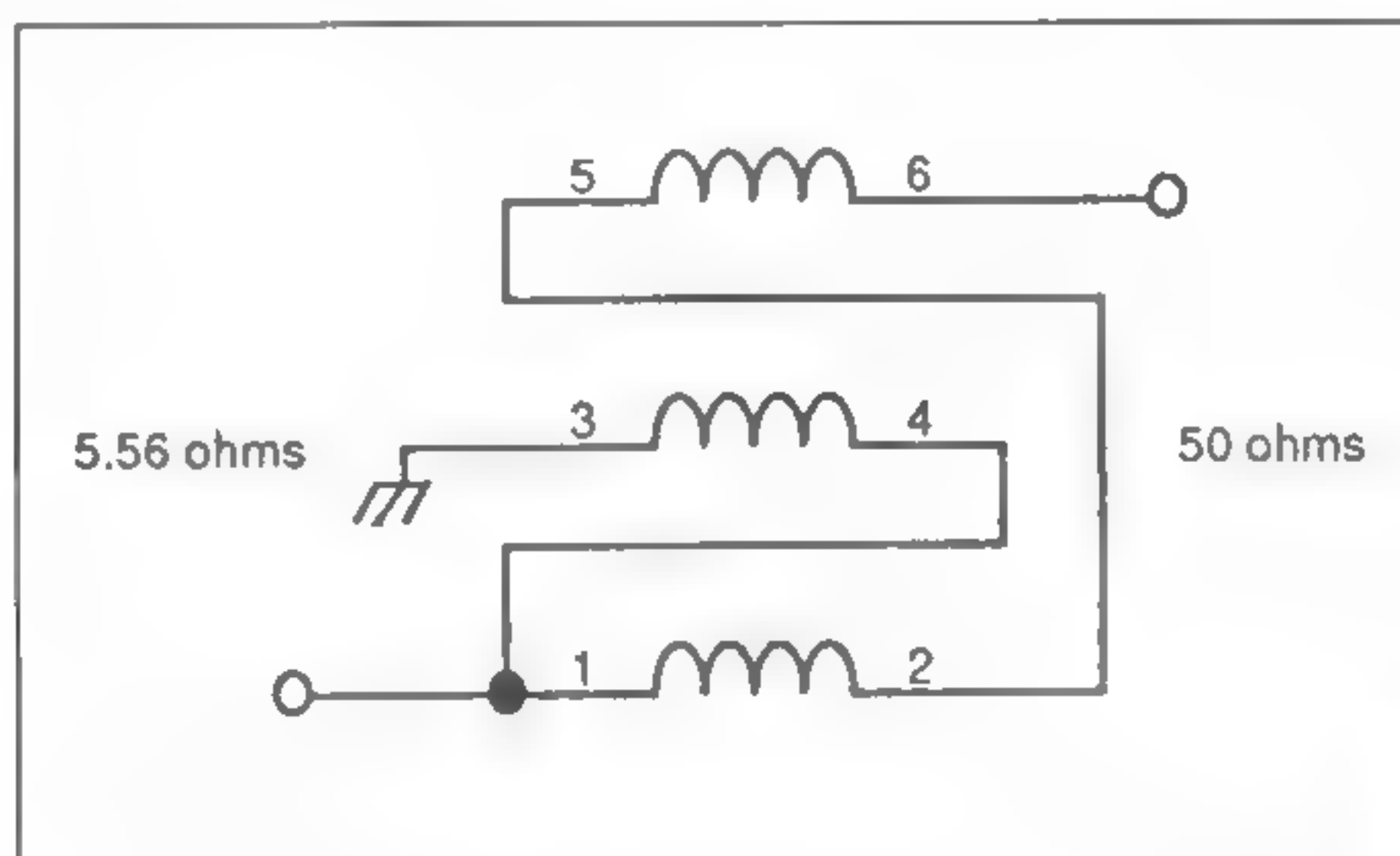


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the trifilar UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 5.56 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

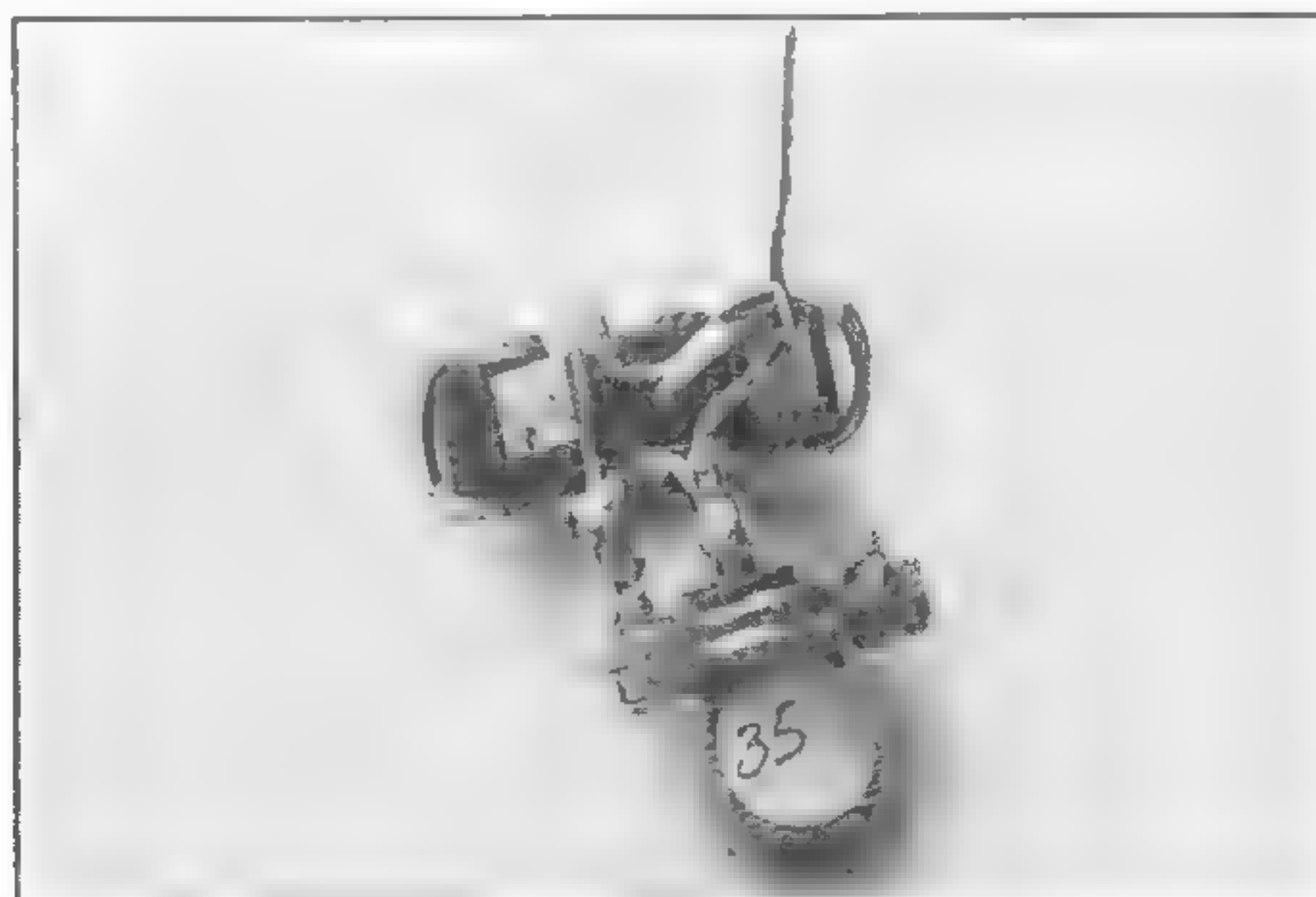


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-9:1-LU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-9:1-LMMU50 is a low-power, multimatch unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to five lower impedances ranging from 32 ohms to 5.56 ohms. Specifically, the ratios and bandwidths (where the impedance ratios are constant) are:

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|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| a) 9 : 1 (50:5.56-ohms) | 1MHz to 30MHz | d) 2.25: 1 (50:22.22-ohms) | 1MHz to 25MHz |
| b) 6.25 : 1 (50:8.68-ohms) | 1MHz to 25MHz | e) 1.56: 1 (50:32-ohms) | 1MHz to 15MHz |
| c) 4 : 1 (50:12.5-ohms) | 1MHz to 30MHz | | |

This transformer also performs as well when matching 75 ohms to the appropriate lower impedances. A very conservative power rating of 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. There are eight trifilar turns on an Amidon PN FT-125-K. The center winding in Figure 1 is No. 14 Formvar SF. The other two are No. 16 Formvar SF wire. The top winding is tapped at four turns from terminal 5. The ratios are:

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- A - L ; 9:1
- B - L ; 6.25:1
- C - L ; 4:1
- A - H ; 2.25:1
- B - H ; 1.56:1

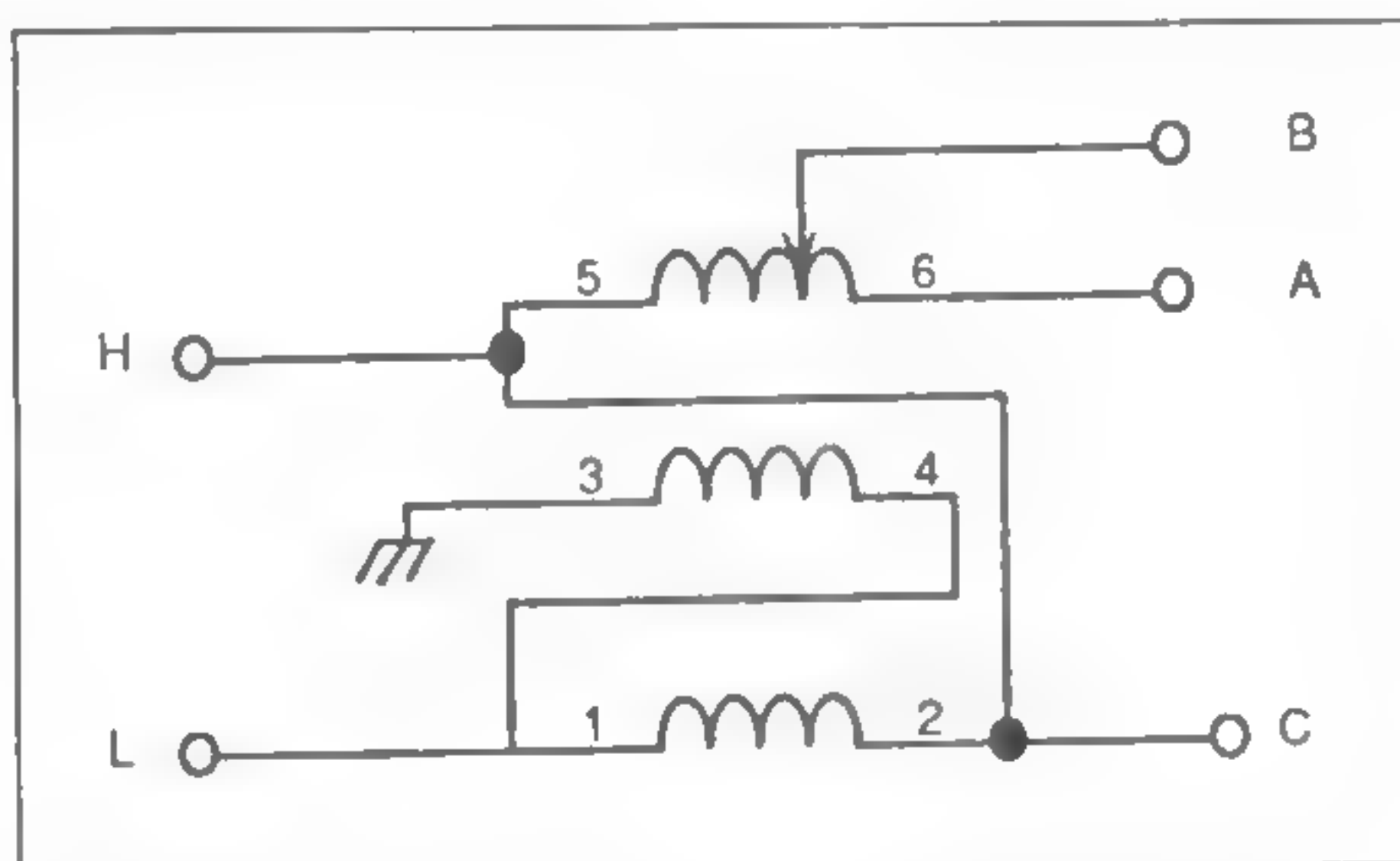


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the multi-match UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to five lower impedances

C) Photograph

A view of the transformer (cover removed) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

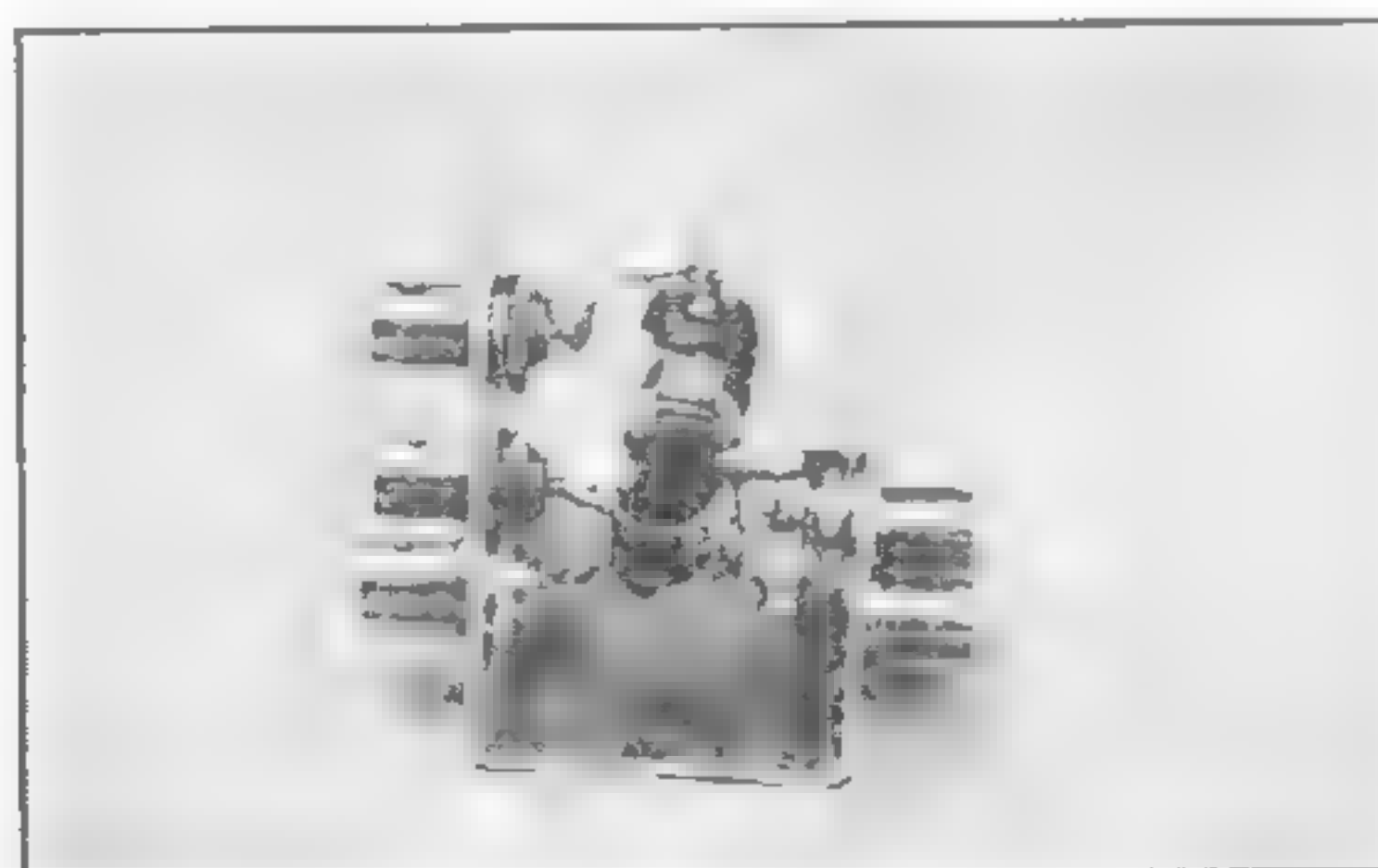


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-LMMU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1.78:1-LDU50 is a low-power, dual-output unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 28 ohms or 12.5 ohms. When connecting this transformer (in parallel on their 50 ohm sides) with W2FMI-1.56:1-LDU50, four broadband ratios of (nominally) 4:1, 3:1, 2:1 and 1.5:1 become available. In matching 50 ohms to 28 ohms (1.78:1) the impedance transformation ratio is constant from 1MHz to 45MHz. In matching 50 ohms to 12.5 ohms (4:1), it is constant from 1 MHz to 45MHz. A conservative power rating is 150 watts of continuous power and 300 watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Six quadrifilar turns of No. 16 Formvar SF wire are wound on an Amidon PN FT-125-K ferrite core. When connecting A to C, the ratio is 1:1.78. When connecting B to C, it is 1:4

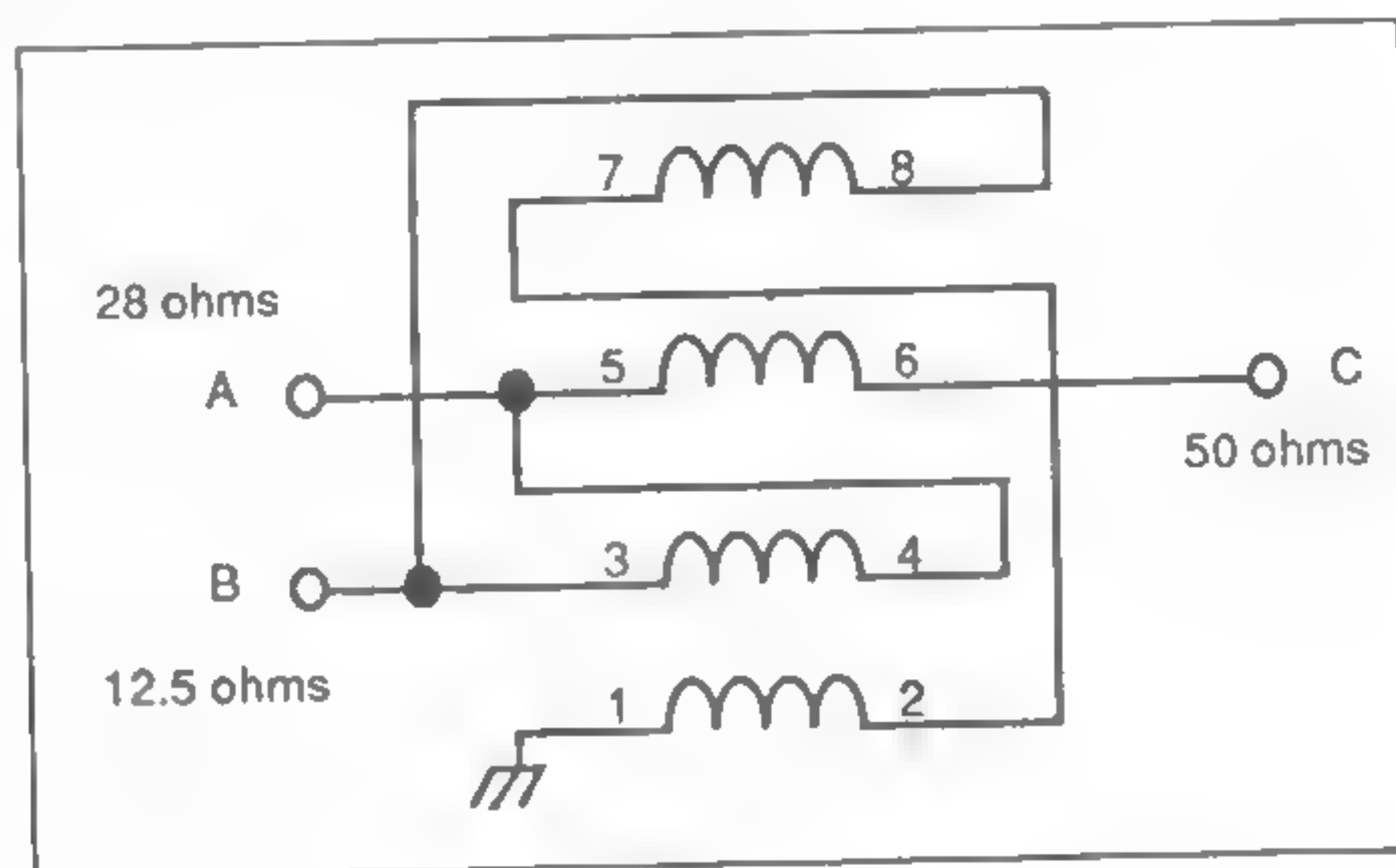


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the dual-output transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 28 ohms or 12.5 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.

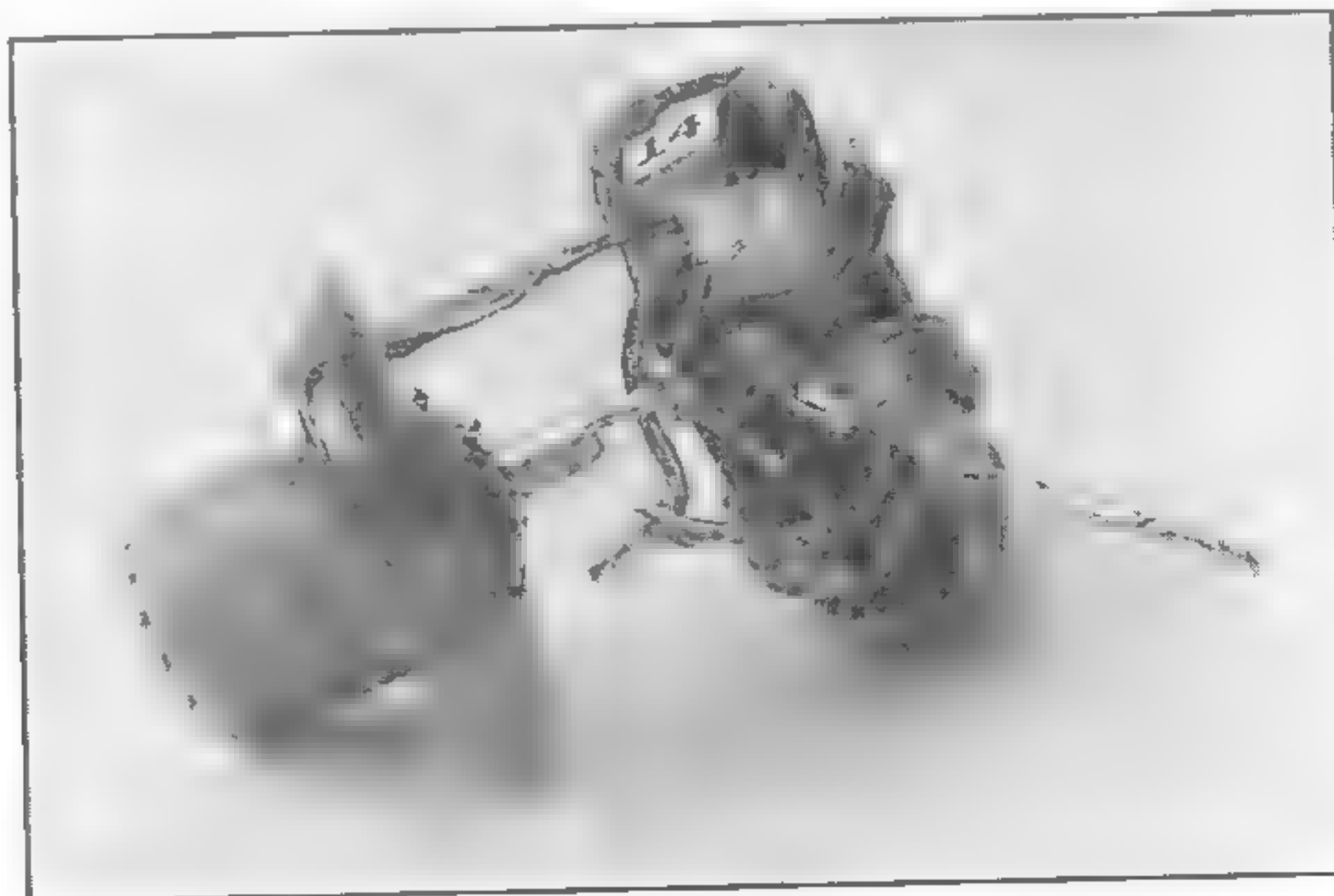


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1.78:1-LDU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1.78:1-LMMU50 is a low-power, multimatch unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer. It basically uses the schematic diagram of the W2FMI-1.78:1-LDU50 transformer with more connections. It is designed to match 50 ohms to eight lower impedances ranging from 38.3 ohms down to 3.125 ohms. Specifically, the ratios and bandwidths (where the impedance ratio are constant) are:

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|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| a) 1.36 : 1 (50:36.86-ohms) | 1MHz to 25MHz | d) 4 : 1 | (50:12.50-ohms) | 1MHz to 30MHz |
| b) 1.78 : 1 (50:28.13-ohms) | 1MHz to 45MHz | e) 9 : 1 | (50:5.560-ohms) | 1MHz to 30MHz |
| a) 2.25 : 1 (50:22.22-ohms) | 1MHz to 45MHz | d) 12.25 : 1 | (50:4.080-ohms) | 1MHz to 15MHz |
| b) 3.06 : 1 (50:16.34-ohms) | 1MHz to 20MHz | e) 16 : 1 | (50:3.125-ohms) | 1MHz to 20MHz |

A conservative power rating is 150 watts of continuous power and 300 watts of peak power. The efficiency for all ratios is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Six quadrifilar turns of No. 16 Formvar SF wire are wound on an Amidon PN FT-125-K ferrite core. Winding 5-6 is tapped at three turns from terminal 5. The connections to the eight ratios are:

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A - D; 1 : 1.78
 B - D; 1 : 4
 C - D; 1 : 16
 B - E; 1 : 2.25
 B - F; 1 : 3.06
 A - F; 1 : 1.36
 C - E; 1 : 9
 C - F; 1 : 12.25

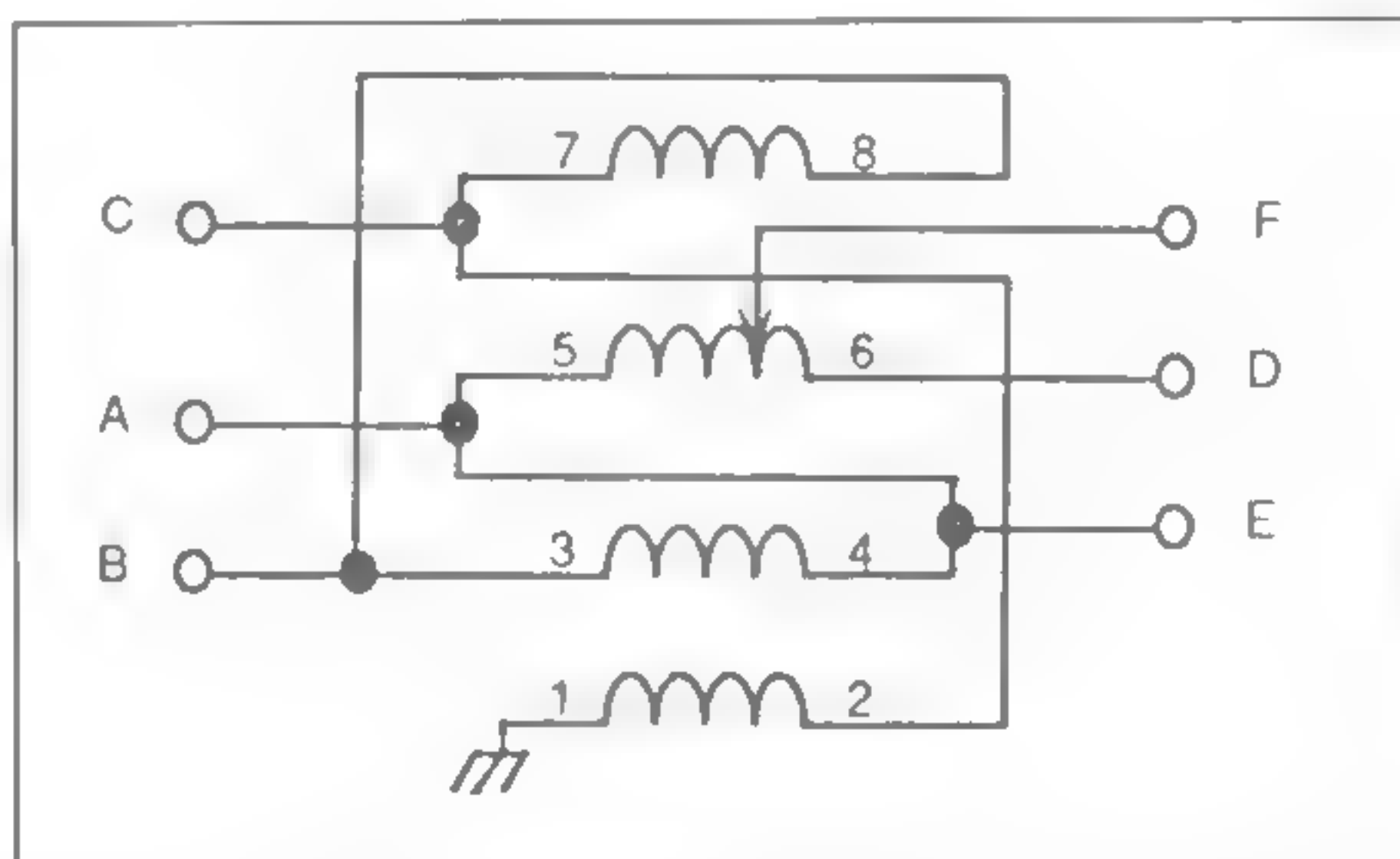


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the multi-match UNUN transformer designed to match 50 ohms to five low impedances

C) Photograph

A view of the transformer (with cover removed) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.



Figure 2 - A view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1.78:1-LMMU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1 56:1-LDU50 is a low-power, dual-output unun (unbalanced-to-unbalanced) transmission line transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 32 ohms or 18 ohms. When connecting this transformer (in parallel on their 50 ohm sides) with W2FMI-1.78:1-LDU50, four broadband ratios of (nominally) 4:1, 3:1, 2:1 and 1.5:1 become available. In matching 50 ohms to 32 ohms (1.56:1) the impedance transformation ratio is constant from 1MHz to 45MHz. In matching 50 ohms to 18 ohms (2.78:1), it is also constant from 1 MHz to 45MHz. A conservative power rating is 150 watts of continuous power and 300 watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband transformer. Five quintufilar turns are wound on an Amidon PN FT-125-K ferrite core. Windings 3-4 and 7-8 are Formvar No. 16 wire. The other three are no. 18 Formvar SF wire. When connecting A to C, the ratio is 1:1.56. When connecting B to C, it is 1:2.78.

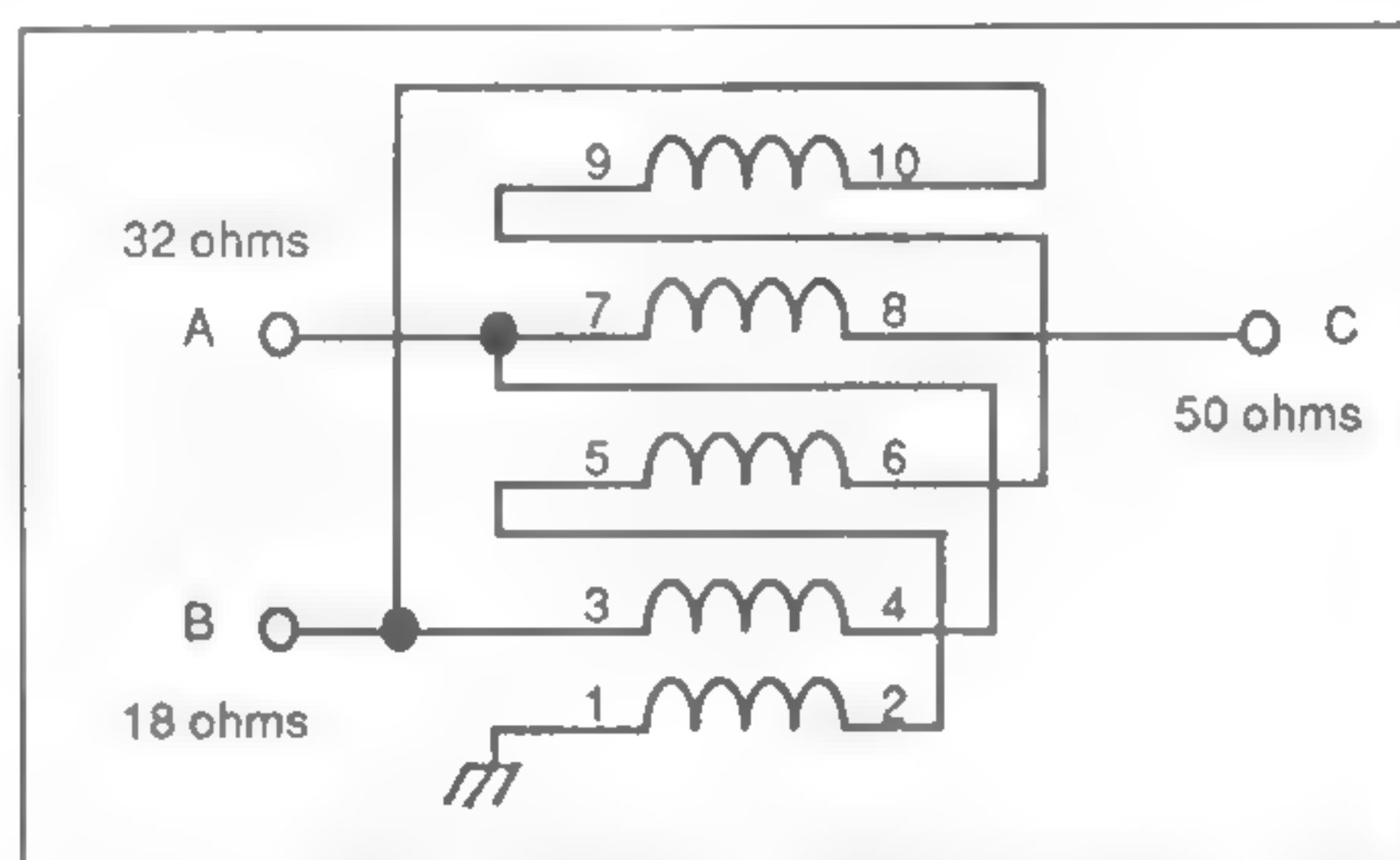


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the dual-output transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 32 ohms or 18 ohms

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections. The connector is on the low-impedance side.



Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1.56:1-LDU50 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-1:1-LB50 is a low-power balun transmission line transformer designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 50 ohms. It is especially designed to have a characteristic impedance of the most popular coaxial cables and significant margins in bandwidth and power handling capability. The response is essentially flat from 1MHz to 50MHz. The conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 99 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this highly efficient and broadband balun. It is the Guanella balun which uses a bifilar winding. There are ten bifilar turns of No. 16 wire on an Amidon PN FT-125-K. One wire is H. Imideze. The other is Formvar SF with one layer of Scotch No. 92 tape. The characteristic impedance of the windings is 52 ohms.

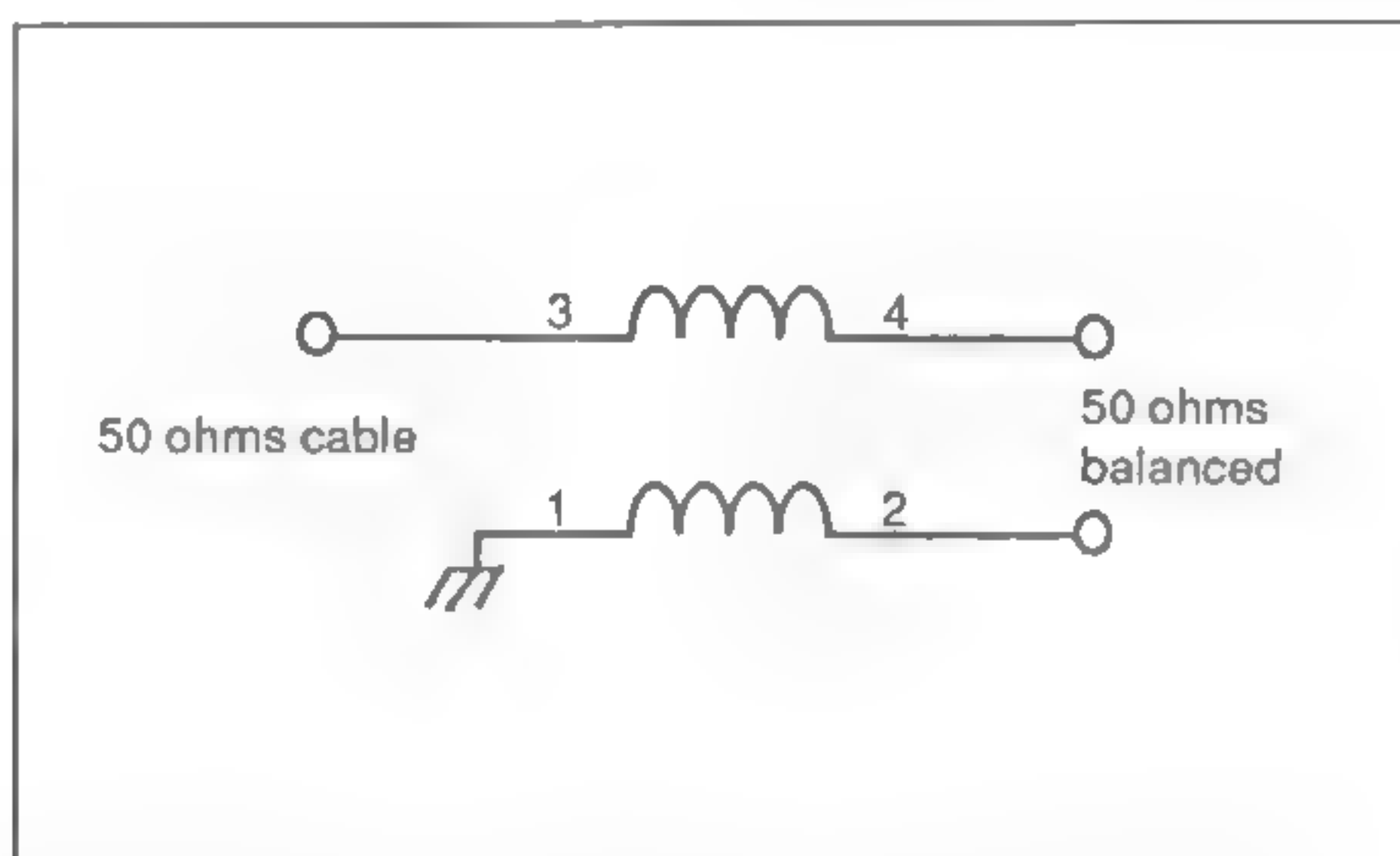


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Guanella 1:1 balun transformer

C) Photograph

The bottom-view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

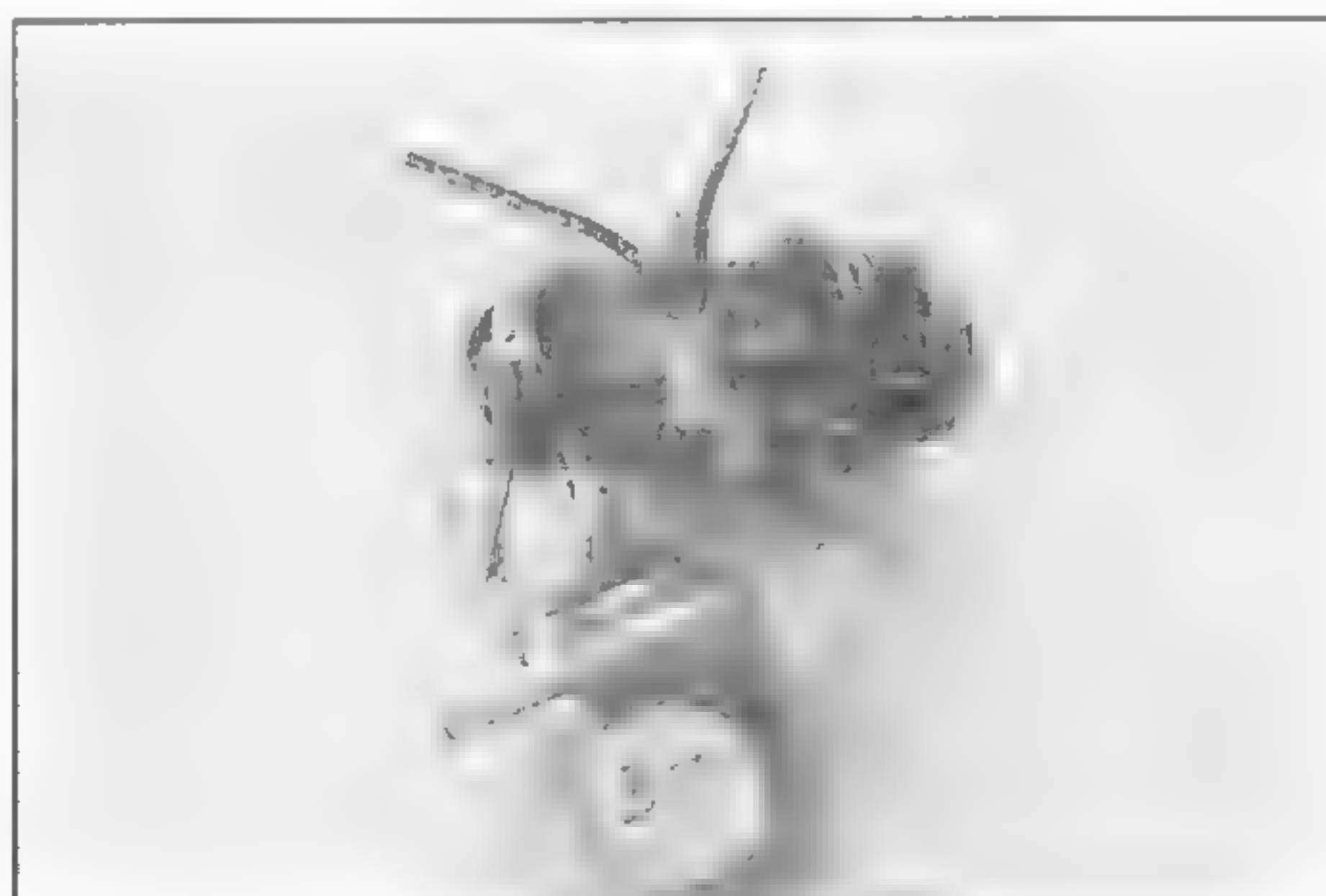


Figure 2 - Bottom-view of the highly efficient and broadband W2FMI-1:1-LB50 transformer

A) Description

The W2FMI-4:1-LB200 is a low-power balun transmission line transformer designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 200 ohms. The windings are especially designed to have a characteristic impedance of 100 ohms. With these optimized windings, as well as a ferrite core which allows for the best trade-off in efficiency for low-frequency response, this balun is capable of maintaining a constant impedance ratio of 4:1 from 1.7MHz to 50MHz. The conservative power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 98 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of the highly efficient and broadband balun. It is the 4:1 Guanella balun which sums the voltages of two equal delay lines. There are six bifilar turns on each transmission line. The wires are No. 18 Formvar SF and they are covered with 8-mil wall Teflon sleeving. The core is an Amidon PN FT-125-K.

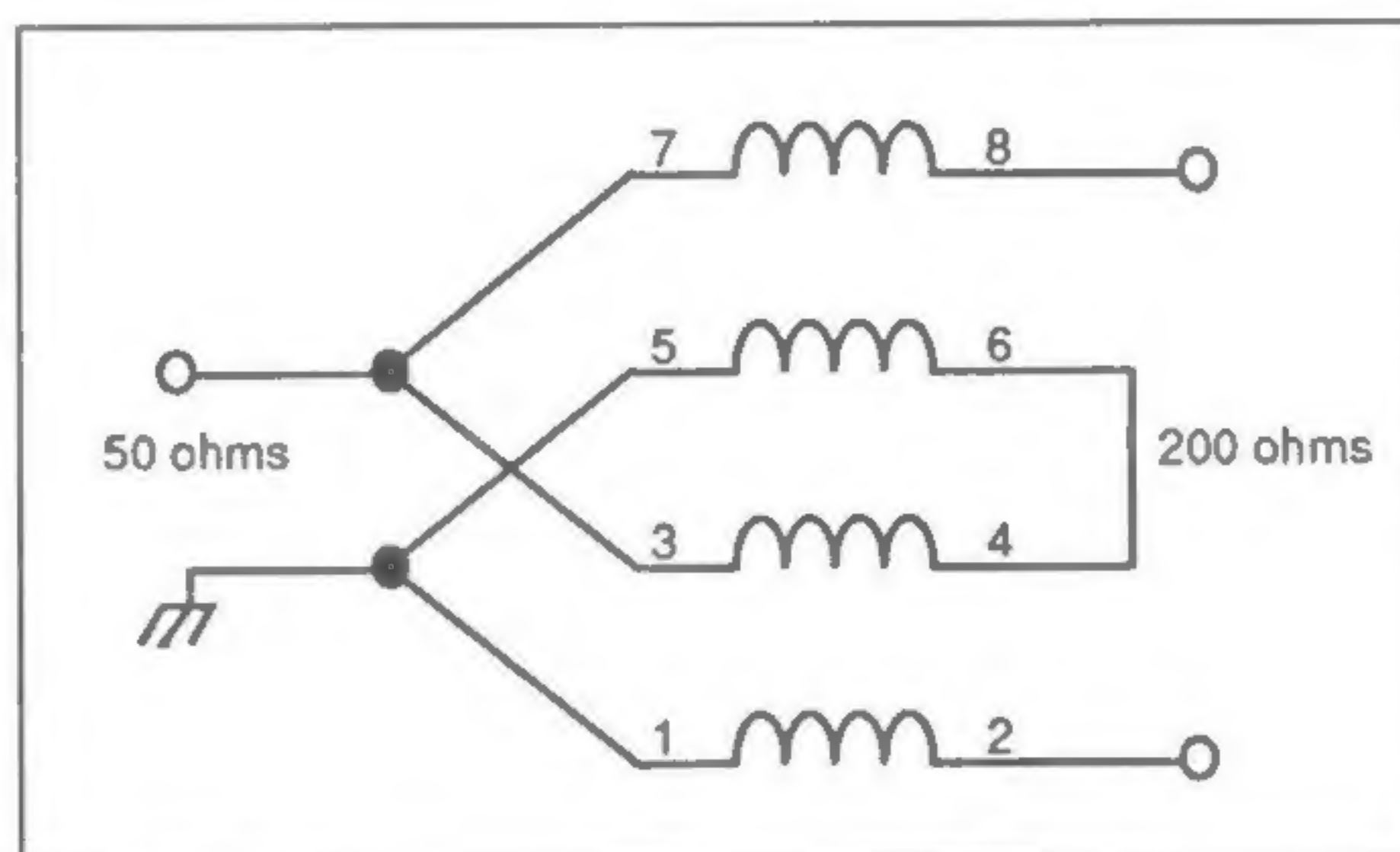


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Guanella balun transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 200 ohms

C) Photograph

A view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

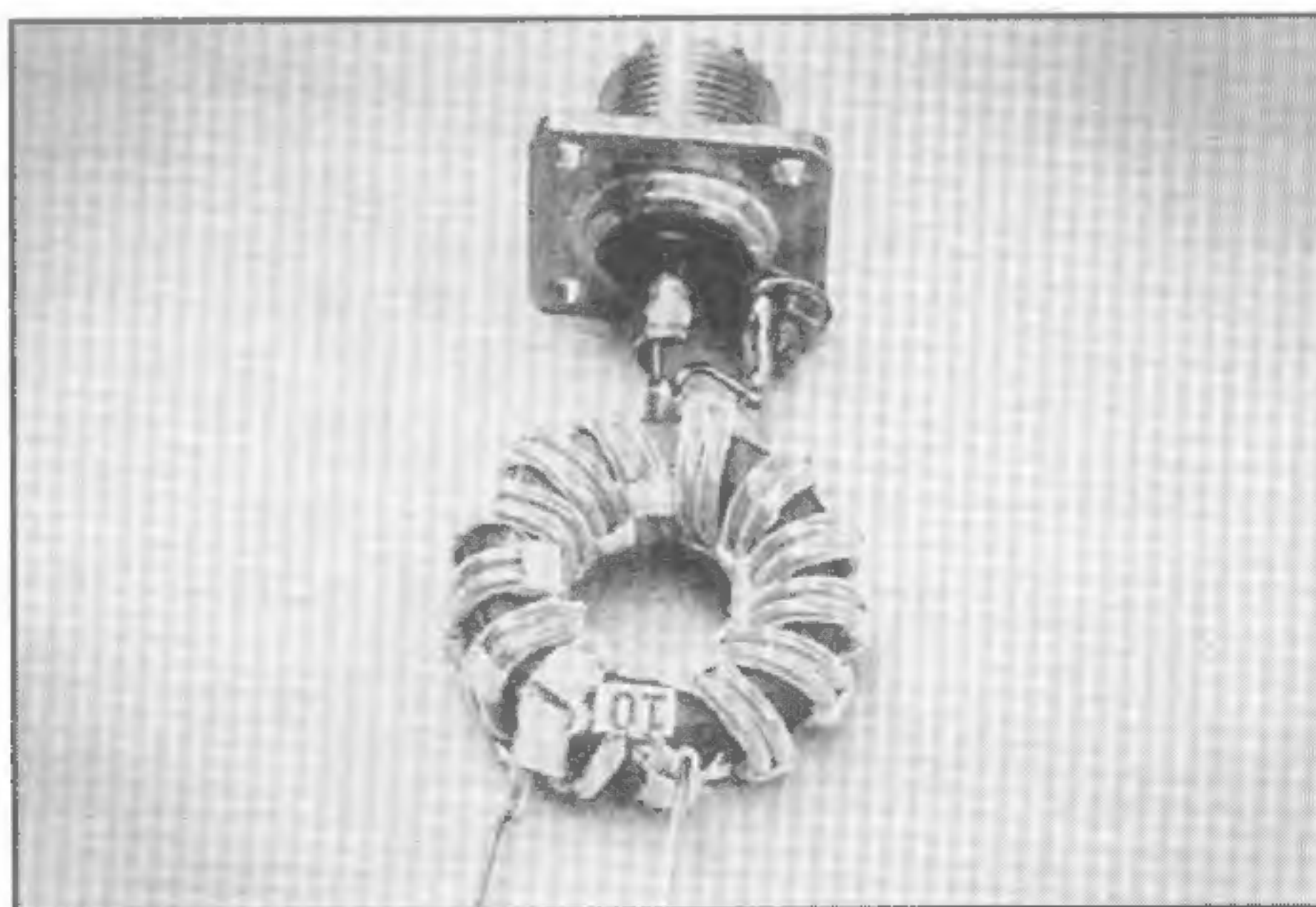


Figure 2 - A view of the high power and broadband W2FMI-4:1-LB200 transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-6:1-LB300 is a low-power, compound-balun transmission line transformer designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 300 ohms. It consists of a 1:1.5 unun (50:75-ohm) in series with a 1:4 (75:300-ohm) Guanella balun. In matching 50 ohms to 300 ohms, the impedance transformation ratio is constant from 1.7MHz to 45MHz. The power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 97 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of the highly-efficient and broadband balun. The 1:1.5 unun on the left has six quintufilar turns on an Amidon PN FT-125-K. The top winding in Figure 1 is No. 16 Formvar SF wire. The other four are No. 18 Formvar SF wire. The 1:4 balun, on the right, has eight bifilar turns (each) on a 1.75-inch OD ferrite with a permeability in the 250 to 300 range. The wires (which are actually hook-up wires) have a 12-mil coating on No. 19 gauge wire. They are further separated by a 50-mil OD Teflon tubing. The characteristic impedance of the windings is 150 ohms.

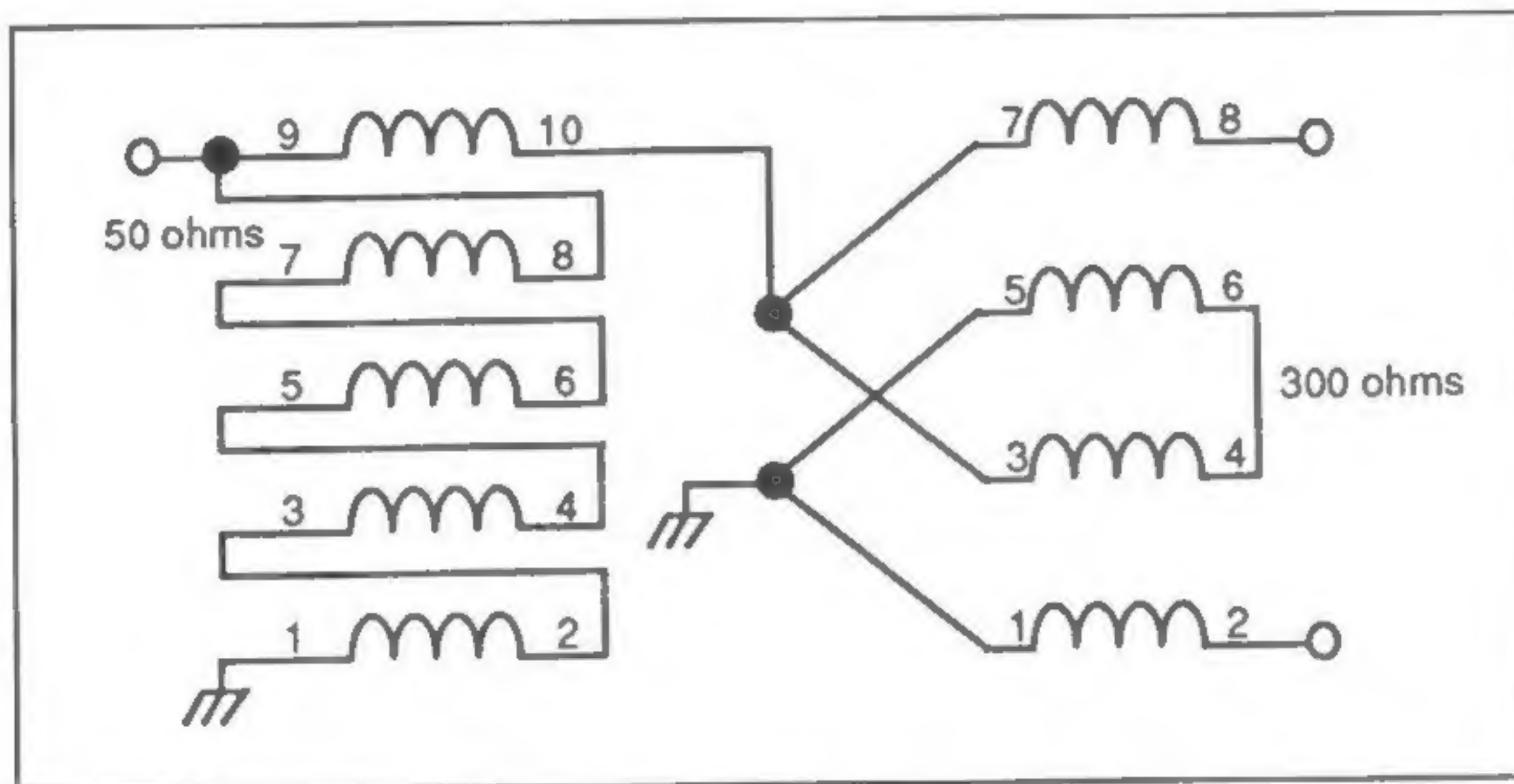


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the compound-balun transformer with a 1:1 ratio designed to match 50 ohms to 300 ohms

C) Photograph

A view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

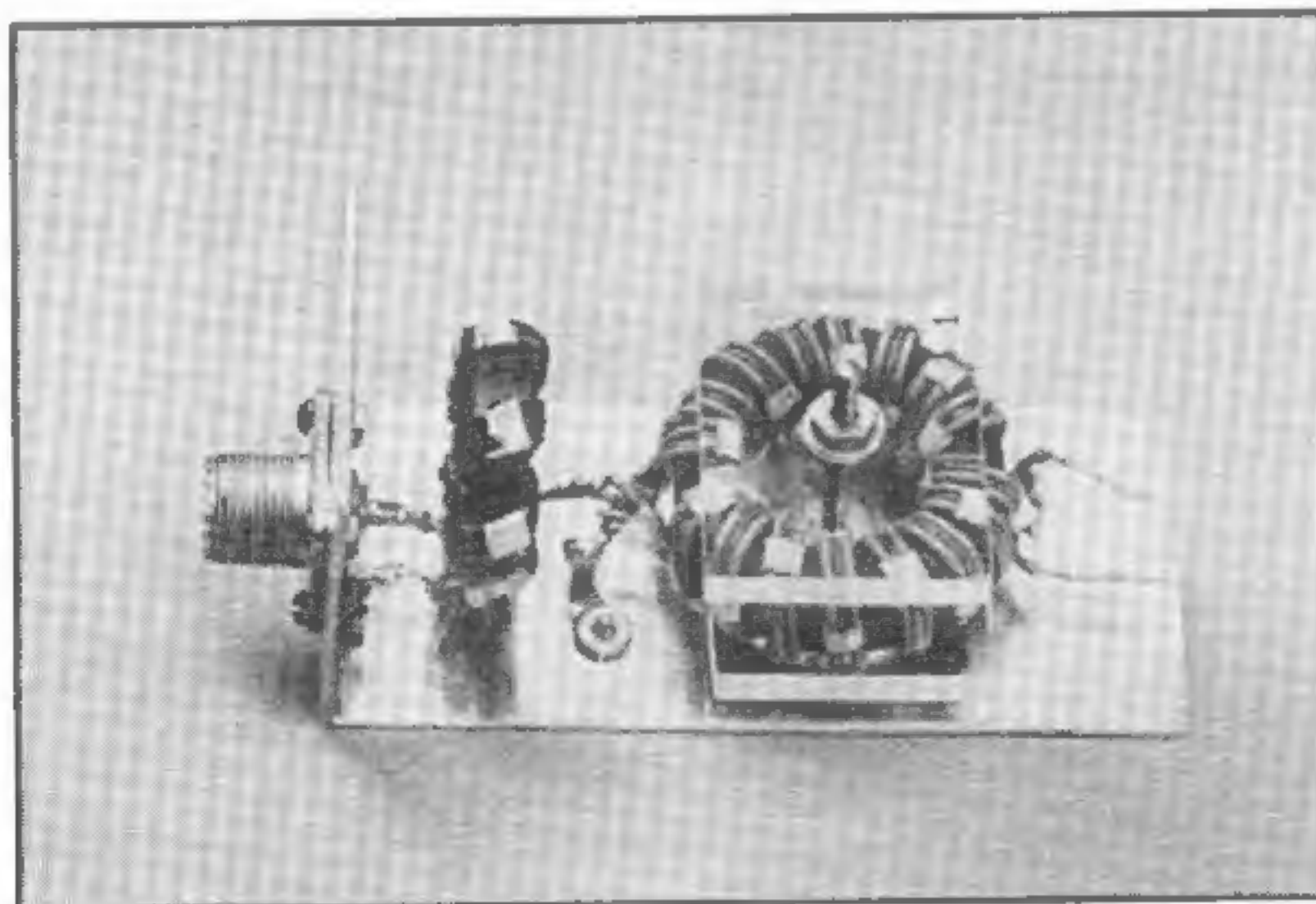


Figure 2 - A view of the low-power and broadband W2FMI-6:1-LB300 compound-balun transformer.

A) Description

The W2FMI-9:1-LB450 is a low-power balun designed to match 50-ohm coaxial cable to a balanced load of 450 ohms. It uses the Guanella approach of connecting transmission line in a series-parallel arrangement such that in-phase voltages are summed at the high-impedance side. At the 50:450-ohm impedance level, the response is flat from 1.7MHz to 45MHz. The power rating is 150 Watts of continuous power and 300 Watts of peak power. The efficiency is 97 percent.

B) Schematic Diagram

Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of this efficient and broadband balun. It consists of fifteen bifilar turns on each of the three 1.75-inch OD ferrites with a permeability in the 250 to 300 range. The wires (which are actually hook-up wires) have a 12-mil coating. They are further separated by a 50-mil OD Teflon tubing. The characteristic impedance of the windings is 150 ohms.

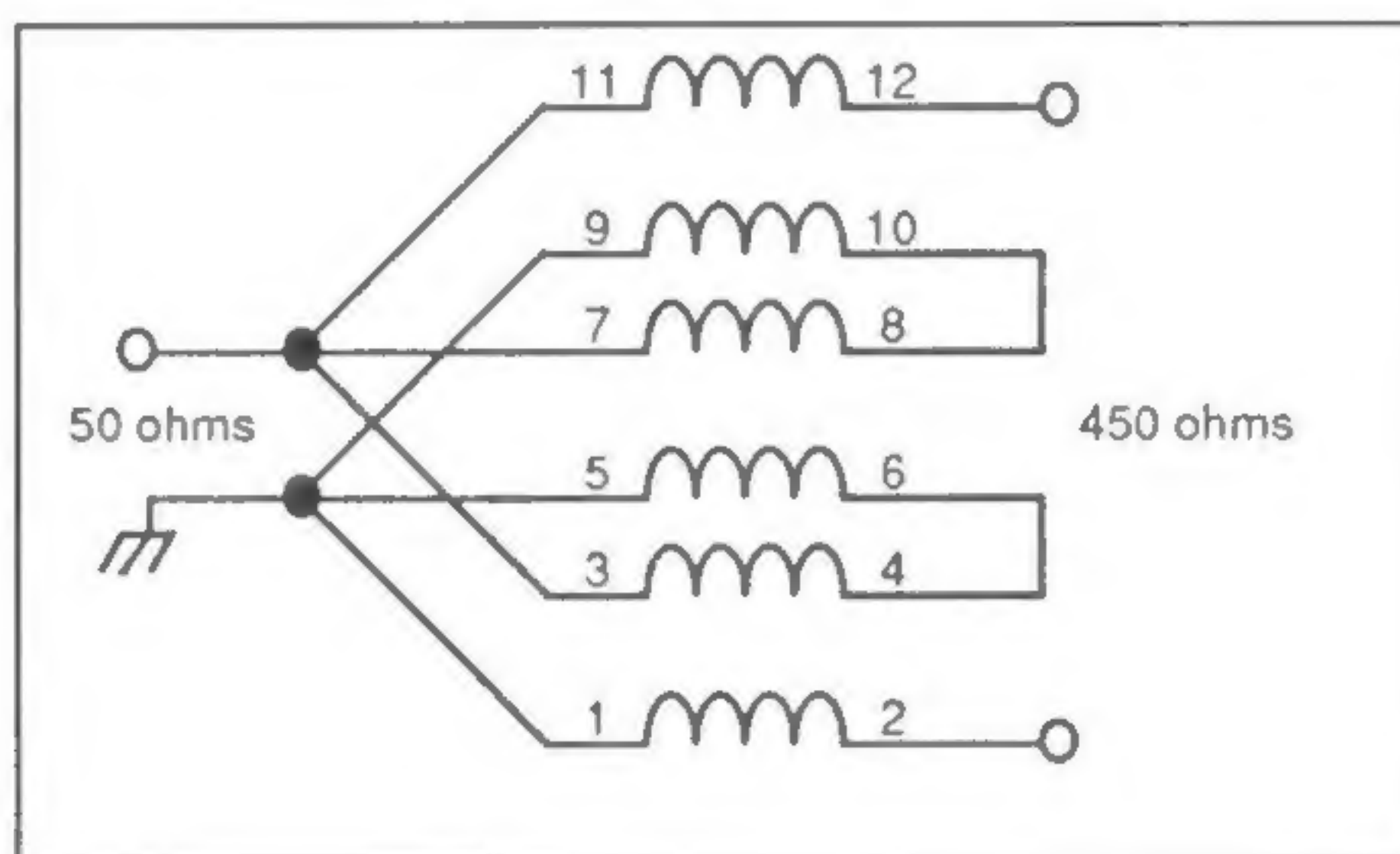


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Guanella balun transformer designed to match 50 ohms to 450 ohms

C) Photograph

A view of the transformer (before mounting) is shown in Figure 2. The photograph attempts to show the various connections.

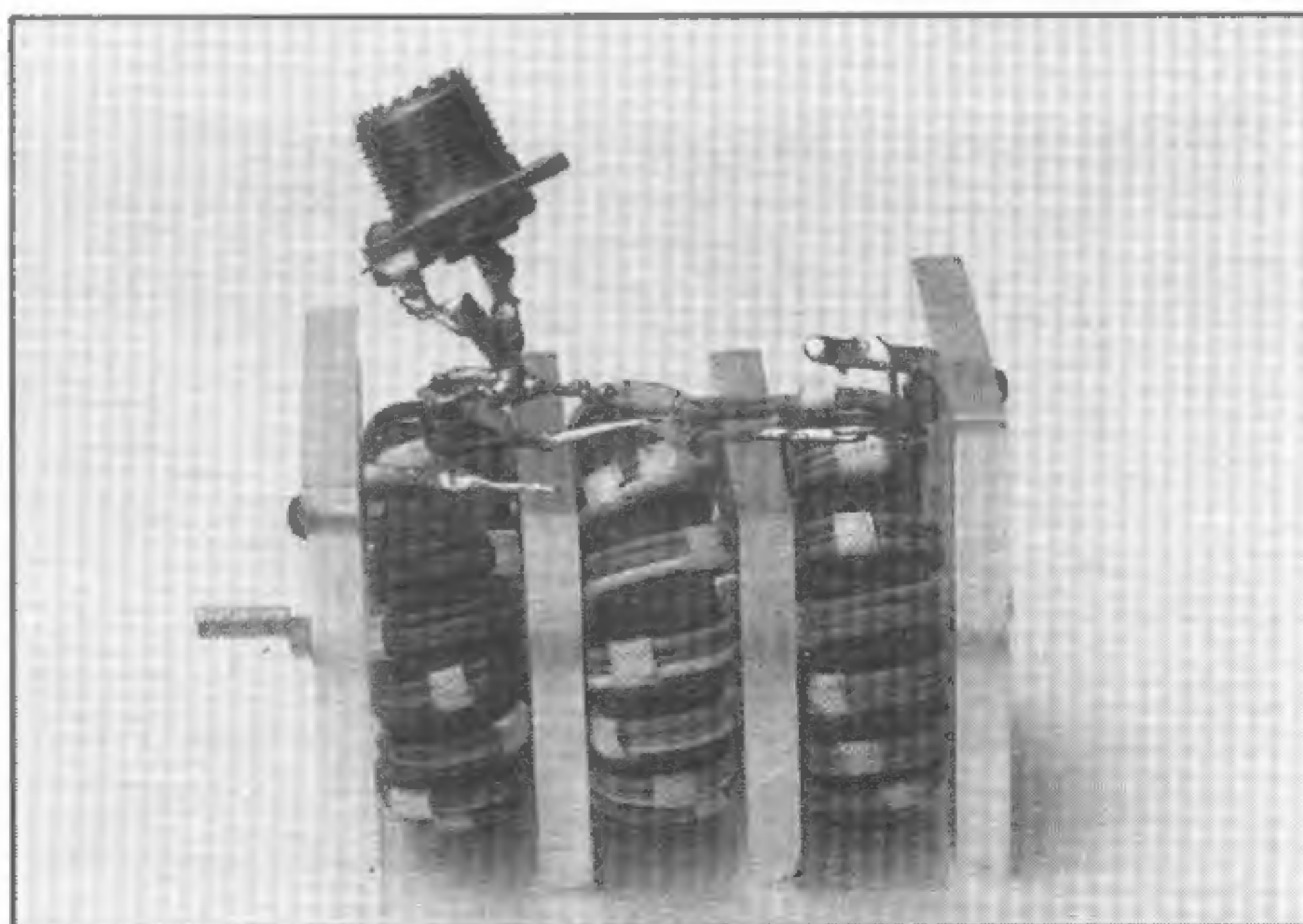


Figure 2 - A view of the high power and broadband W2FMI-9:1-LB450 balun transformer.

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